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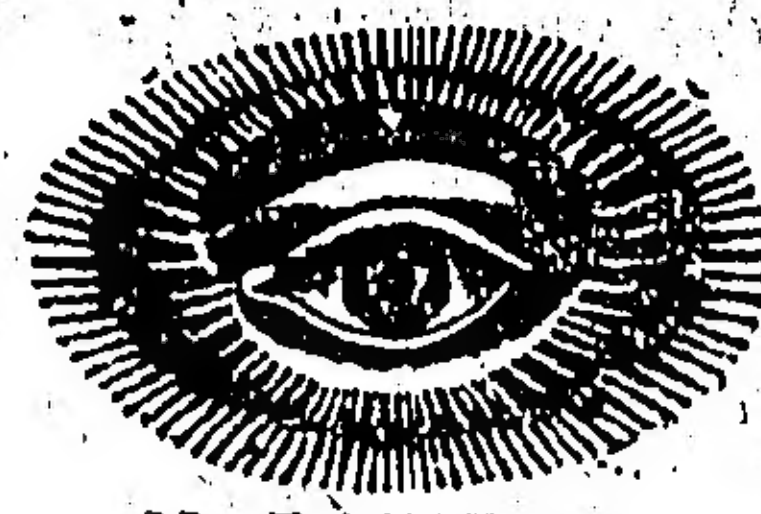
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COMMUNIST RAIDS

Many Arrests In City; Large Arms Seizures.

MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS FAVOURABLE TO GOVERNMENT.

Paper money issued by the Canton Central Bank of China is now almost valueless, public utility concerns and Government institutions insisting on receipts in silver coin.

Several raids have been made on Communist hiding places. Arrests were made, arms seized, and literature captured. A number of rich coolies have fled from the city.

In the military sphere of activities, developments have been favourable to the Canton Government. Decisions in other parts of China have combined, with events in Kwangtung, to rebuff Chiang Kai-shek and the Nanking Government.

IRONSIDES MARCHING.

Although Government bank notes are now widely refused in Canton, private quotations have not dropped at all either in Hong Kong or Canton.

Mail reports from Swatow indicate that the notes are also not current at that port for reasons caused by Canton. Following the Government's decision that payments of revenue must be in silver as to 80 per cent, and the balance in paper, the following has been reported:

The Chinese Post Office and the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) have refused the notes altogether.

The Electric Co., the Waterworks and the Telephone Co. are following the example set by the Government, namely, of insisting on 80 per cent. in silver.

Scheme of Salvation. From a semi-official source, the "China Mail" political correspondent understands that the Canton Government's scheme to have the notes is based on the following:

As 20 per cent of the revenue will be in notes, a quantity of paper money will be received each month. Total receipts are about \$7,000,000 per month, so that over \$1,000,000 will be handed in. In time the whole issue will thus have been passed back to the Government.

In the interval, the Government will attempt to set aside a part of its revenue as a reserve to cover the re-issue, which will be made after all notes have been paid in.

THE RED EVIL.

Suspect Rich Coolies in Flight.

Captures were made by the Canton authorities in a series of city raids on Reds during the week-end. Several women are in custody. Weapons have been seized and documents brought to light. It is not thought that the raids were inter-connected.

A quantity of literature was found by the Police at Fati, across the Canton River from Shamoen. Rich coolies who were suspect, were found to have fled the city when the Police arrived.

News from Ichang, a small market town on the Hunan

JUMPED INTO HARBOUR.

A Chinese named Fung Yuk (28) living at No. 254, Main Street, Saiwanho, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital as the result of attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour. He was rescued by the crew of a motor boat owned by the Wo Sang Company.

BITTEN BY "CHOW."

The small son of Mr. Ng Shi-shu, living at No. 1, Wai Tak Bund, Kowloon City was yesterday bitten by a "chow" dog owned by his father. The lad who was injured in the wrist, was attended by Dr. Ernest To, whilst the police removed the dog to Matakok for observation.

\$26,000 CLAIM.

Kowloon Houses Case Judgment.

DEFENDANT WINS.

Judge Comments on Business Methods.

Judgment was given for the defendant on all issues at the Supreme Court this morning by the Chief Justice, Sir H. C. Gollan, in the \$26,000 claim concerning the erection of fifteen houses on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1301.

In the course of the judgment His Lordship commented on how litigation might have been averted by the preparation of more detailed specifications between the parties.

The only amount found to be due to plaintiffs was that which had been agreed to by the defendant and the amount paid into Court. It was indicated by counsel for the defendant, might be more than swallowed up by the counterclaim in respect of which judgment was given on certain items, the amounts to be assessed by an expert.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was counsel for plaintiffs and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., appeared for defendant.

The plaintiffs, the San Loong firm of contractors, sued Liu Shu-ching, defendant, for \$26,187 made up of \$7,000 balance due under two contracts for the erection of the houses in question and \$19,187 alleged to be due for extras.

Defendant is a Californian merchant in Wing Lok Street, also managing a shop for the sale of electrical appliances in Pottinger Street, and as regards the houses in question, he represented a syndicate consisting of himself and three others.

The Judgment.

In the course of his judgment, the Chief Justice said that it was admitted by the defendant that the houses were erected and a permit for occupation granted by the Building Authority in May, 1925, that the sum of \$325,000 had been received by the plaintiff and that, but for a counterclaim for certain omissions and defective works, the sum of \$10,000 would be due and payable, but the claim of \$19,187 for extras was disputed as regards \$3,000 in respect of Shanghai plastering done to the houses, which sum was included in the \$10,000 above mentioned.

Referring to contract No. 1 for the erection of the houses, His Lordship said that it was obvious from the evidence that this had not contained the whole agreement between the parties. Work neither shown on the balance nor set out in the contract amounting to the very considerable sum of \$22,000 or over was done by the plaintiffs without making extra charge. It was to be regretted that in a transaction involving such a large sum as \$325,000 the usual detailed specification was not prepared by a competent person. If that prudent and ordinary course had been followed it was almost certain that expensive and prolonged litigation would have been avoided.

No Written Agreement.

His Lordship then referred to contracts No. 2 and 3 and commented that the most important objection to the claim was the inability of the plaintiff to produce any written agreement signed by the parties for extra work although he was satisfied from the evidence that the view taken by the parties was that before any extra work was undertaken plaintiff had to prepare an estimate showing the work to be done and the price to be charged and to present it to the defendant. The matter was then to be discussed between them and if the latter agreed to the price and verbally sanctioned the work then he was to be liable to pay the price for the work as extra.

His Lordship then examined the evidence with a view to testing the claims of Counsel on behalf of their respective clients, referring to plaintiff's contention that defendant ordered and verbally sanctioned to pay for the work and stood by and saw the work being executed, the inference being that a man with his experience who went into matters so carefully and at such an expenditure of time must know that the extra work was being done and that it amounted to fraud on his part to try and avoid payment for it.

Mr. Raven's Evidence.

On the other hand, the defendant stated that he was a busy man carrying on two businesses and could not possibly have spared the time to be so much on the premises as was alleged. He contended that he had only looked at the houses on a few occasions from the road. In this he was supported by Mr. Raven, the architect for the houses, who stated that although he visited the site on his way to the office he only saw the defendant there occasionally although if the plaintiff's story was true the defendant must have been there on most of the visits paid by Mr. Raven.

JEWELLERY STOLEN.

Mrs. Robertson, of "Basilea," No. 6 Lyttleton Road, has reported to the police that some time during the past three weeks during her absence from the house, someone broke open a locked box in her room and stole jewellery worth \$192.

Flight Lieut. L. Wanless-O'Gowan, R.A.F., has left Shanghai for Singapore. He passed through Hong Kong during the week-end on the "President Wilson."

CUSTOMS DISPUTES.

Nationalist Minister's Statement.

FOREIGN LOAN SERVICES.

Mr. Edwards's Appointment "Not Recognised."

Shanghai, Yesterday.

In a statement handed to Reuters regarding the Nationalist attitude vis-a-vis the Chinese Maritime Customs, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Acting Nationalist Foreign Minister, emphasised that there was no idea of interfering with funds, which went to the service of foreign loans.

In respect of domestic loans, Mr. Quo said that it did not seem just that surplus Customs revenue raised in Nationalist territory should continue to be largely used by Peking (which was now regarded purely as a regional Government), to finance campaign against the Nationalist.

The subject of the Inspector Generalship, Mr. Quo Tai-chi declared, was purely a domestic issue. So far, the Nationalist Government had not recognised even the acting appointment of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, until a new appointment is finally made. The Nationalists will only agree to future Customs appointments to their territory if they are made on the recommendation of Mr. F. W. Maze, the Commis-

"FINER LATER."

North-east winds, fresh, overcast at first, finer later, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The depression has developed into a typhoon now central to the north-east of Japan. The anticyclones has weakened slightly. Fresh gales may be expected along the north-east coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local Quake.

A slight earthquake was felt at Hong Kong last night. Small rapid vibrations were recorded at the Observatory from 10h. 58m. 30s. to 10h. 58m. 50s., the maximum occurring at 10h. 58m. 33s.

The amplitude was only 2 mms.

Had the time of vibration, about 1 second, been, say, three times as great the shock would not have been felt.

sloner at Shanghai, who is the senior official in the Customs Service and who is persona grata with the Nationalist Government.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi added that contrary to reports from Peking about Mr. Edwards's forthcoming visit to Shanghai, he was self-invited; but the visit was agreed to by the Nationalist Government because the latter desires that Tariff Revision should be based on terms mutually acceptable to the North and South of China.—Reuters.

The "reports from Peking" in the above cable probably refers to the following:

Terms For Understanding. Shanghai, Yesterday.

Nominally, Mr. Edwards is coming to Shanghai from Peking, as Inspector-General of Chinese Maritime Customs, to study questions connected with the Customs. However, he has the approval of the Peking Government to discuss amity with the Nationalist Government with a view to another conference on tariff revision.

The Nationalist Government at Nanking is preparing to welcome Mr. Edwards, who is expected to arrive on Feb. 1. It is the intention of the Nationalists to approach Mr. Edwards about a portion of the Customs surplus, the remission of such portion being the Nationalists' principal demand in return for acknowledging (the appointment of) Mr. Edwards as Inspector-General.—"Kung Sheng Yat Po."

HONG KONG TRAM FINAL DIVIDEND.

The Directors of the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, recommend a final dividend of 80 cents per share payable after the date of the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the company which will be announced in due course. This makes a total dividend of \$1.40 per share for the year and subject to audit leaves to be carried forward in the accounts a sum of \$252,849.04.

INTERPORT GOLF.

Hong v. Shanghai At Singles.

"ALL SQUARE" AT LUNCH.

Interesting Position in Final Of Triangular.

An interesting position was reached at the lunch interval today in the final stage of the triangular Interport golf tournament.

Hong Kong is one up on the four-somes (i.e., a lead of two points) over Shanghai and the singles began to-day over 36 holes. After the first 18 holes (i.e., at the lunch interval), the individual games stood at—

Fendered (H.K.) and Budd (Shanghai) all square.

Andrews (H.K.) 2 holes up on Blinco.

Erskine (H.K.) 3 holes down to Malcolm.

Bloxham (H.K.) 4 holes down to Pilcher.

Dodwell (H.K.) all square with Cumming.

Murray (H.K.) 1 hole up on Pettitt.

It will be seen that Hong Kong players are leading in two of the matches and Shanghai's men have the advantage in two others.

The remaining 18 holes will be concluded this afternoon.

Manila has beaten Shanghai by 3-1 and Hong Kong has beaten Manila 5-1.

Saturday witnessed some remarkable scoring in the golf Interport at Fanling when the Manila team opposed the representatives from Shanghai.

The three fourballs games, which took place in the morning, ended all-square on the seventeenth green.

In the singles there were two more all-square games.

The contestants in the fourballs were Fielder and Nell against Malcolm and Pilcher; Mason and Ivory against Blinco and Budd; Cranston and Yates against Pettitt and Cumming.

While Shanghai maintained the partnerships which opposed Hong Kong, Manila made a change by putting G. M. Ivory with J. H. R. Mason instead of with Lieut. Cranston.

Manila's Victors. The pairs who finished all-square in the singles were Fielder and Budd and Malcolm and Nell.

Of the remaining four games Manila managed to win three, Shanghai's only victory being, Pilcher's defeat of Ivory by four up and three to play.

Manila's victors were Mason, who beat Blinco, three and two; Cranston, who got the better of Cumming with four up and three to play, and Yates, who beat Pettitt by three and one.

Manila thus won on the day by three to one.

The singles between Hong Kong and both the visiting teams have yet to be played.

THEFT OF A CLOCK.

Before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese youth was charged with the theft of an 8-day clock from Messrs. Lane, Crawford's store. He was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the birch to be followed by 48 hours' detention. This is the second case of theft at Lane, Crawford's during the past week, another youth having been arrested on Thursday for the theft of a silver cup and was also ordered a whipping when charged at the Magistracy on Friday.

RETURNED TOO SOON.

A Chinese who was proved to be a returned banished man had come back before the expiry of his banishment term, was this morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with picking the pocket of a stranger to the Colony in Queen's Road West. He received two months' jail for the larceny, and for returning from banishment was ordered an additional jail term of eight months with the additional punishment of 20 strokes of the birch.

FELL ON SHOVEL.

Falling off his bed whilst asleep, a Chinese named Wan Po-chi (87) living at No. 19 Tai Yuen Street was injured by the sharp edge of a shovel on which he fell. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

IN HUNAN

PROGRESS OF NATIONALIST ACTION.

JOINING AGAIN?

Trouble Breaks Out in South of Fukien.

YANG YU-TING TO TAKE FIELD AGAINST KUOMINCHUN.

Rapid progress has been made by the Kwangsi army and other Nationalist forces operating in Hunan province and interest is added by the fact that the objective of the victorious Kwangsi troops is believed to be joining hands with the units in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, thereby extending the territory under the faction now in power at Canton. Trouble in the south of Fukien province, all the way down to the Kwangtung frontier, is reported.

In the far North, the Peking Government has made an appointment which is significant and may lead to hostilities in earnest against the Kuominchun.

TO ATTACK FENG.

Overnight cables state that the Kwangsi army under General Pei Chung-hsi (who, like Li Chai-sum of Canton, is one of the big four of the Kwangsi military faction), is past Siangtan and is heading for Hengchow, which is not far from the north of the boundary between Hunan and Kwangtung.

In fact the Hunanese Army is stated to have been defeated so thoroughly that one of the Generals, Li Ping-hsin, is reported as having offered to surrender without any terms.

The Kwangsi army in Hunan, of course, is part of the Nationalist force which went to Wu-Han. Another unit in this force is under General Cheng Chien, who, with General Pei Chung-hsi, is coming into the open in opposition to Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalist Government at Nanking.

REDS AT AMOY.

Observe Lenin Anniversary at Kulangsu.

Members of the Chinese Communist Party, states the "Kung Sheng Yat Po," assembled on Jan. 25 at Kulangsu (the International Settlement of Amoy) to observe the Lenin anniversary.

Red propagandists were reported active at Changchow, a port in south Fukien, during China New Year. Bandits are moving in this part of the province.

Engagements have been fought in the interior of south Fukien, states the same report, a capture being made by a column which is moving in unison with the Cantonese Ironsides.

YANG SEN GOES.

People of Ichang Afraid of Bandits.

Ichang, Yesterday. Because military developments have been unfavourable to him, General Yang Sen has embarked his Army (known as the 20th) from here, to be transferred up the Yangtze River.

* Much apprehension is felt by the people of Ichang now that the troops have left and bandits are in the vicinity.—British Naval Wireless.

[Ichang is on the upper Yangtze, 370 miles above Hankow. From Shasi, 33 miles below Ichang, a Nationalist army is moving up against Yang Sen.]

WAR REPORTS.

Where the Hunanese Are Losing.

Hankow, Saturday.

The redistribution of the balance of power in Hupeh and Hunan provinces still continues.

It is reported that the 44th Nationalist army, which is mostly composed of Hunanese, has defeated, and has joined the 8th Hunanese army, which is now in retreat from Changsha and moving towards Hengchow.

The 19th Hunanese army has reached Changsha, and is sufficiently in agreement with the 35th and 36th Hunanese armies not to be opposed by them.

It is also reported that part of

the 2nd Nationalist Army from Shasi may join the new Wu-Han alliance.

The 6th Nationalist army, under General Cheng Chien, is now in the Tungting Lake area, and is reported as not being popular with the new alliance of Wu-Han.—Reuters.

New Year Victories.

Hankow, Saturday. The latest despatches from Hunan indicate sweeping victories by the Wu-Han (Nationalist) armies over China New Year, despite the fact that Yeh Kai-hsin with his 44th Army turned over to the Hunanese.

The Hunanese have evacuated Changsha, which has since been occupied by the 13th Army, while the 6th, 7th and 19th Armies have all reached the Changsha vicinity. Generals Ho Chien, Liu Hsing, and Yeh Kai-hsin are consolidating the position at Changteh where they may make a further stand, Li Ping-hsin retreating towards Hengchow.—Reuters.

[Some of the units in the victorious Nationalist Wu-Han armies are from Kwangsi, the commander of these being an ally of General Li Chai-sum of Canton.]

Soviet and Kuominchun.

Shanghai, Saturday. Feng Yu-hsiang has apparently advanced this week and fighting is reported in the neighbourhood of Hantan and Tamingfu.

The Fengtien faction, however, assert they outnumber the Kuominchun in that area by 100,000 with reinforcements recently from Peking and that the disparity in munitions is becoming more marked, as supplies from abroad reach the Ankuochun, while the Soviet is reported to have ceased supplying the Kuominchun.—Reuters.

AT NANKING.

Hopes of Fourth Plenary Given Up.

Shanghai, Saturday. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have abandoned all hopes of convening the 4th plenary session of the Kuomintang at Nanking.—Reuters.

Reds at Wuhu.

Wuhu, Saturday. Communists are showing renewed activity.—British Naval Wireless.

[Wuhu is a Treaty port on the lower Yangtze, in Anhui province. The local Nationalist commander is appointed by Nanking.]

MAN OF THE HOUR.

To Take the Field Against Kuominchun.

General Yang Yu-ting is considered the man of the hour in Peking's Government. In addition to being chief-of-staff to the Generalissimo, he is to have supreme command in the field against the Kuominchun in the south of Chihli province, now only 300 miles or so from the capital.

The appointment is taken in Chinese circles to mean that Peking will now fight the Kuominchun in earnest.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1928 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February to FRIDAY, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Hong Kong, 25th January, 1928.

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The Eyrie	1725
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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 6th February, 1928 to THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th
February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$80 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

FOOTBALL.

R.A. TROUNCE QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

BORDERERS IN FORM.

The features of Saturday's games were the fine victories of Borderers and the R.A., the latter showing splendid form and at present playing a strong game. Several junior games were cancelled, the Hong Kong Club Reserves again failing to field a team, although down to play the St. Joseph's on the Club ground. These frequent disappointments by the Senior Club 2nd XI are regrettable.

At Kowloon the locals showed fine form against the Police although the latter were without several prominent players.

RESULTS AT A-GLANCE.

Division I.
H.K. Club ... 2 R.A.F. ... 2
South China ... 2 K.O.S.B. Regt. ... 6
R.A. ... 4 Queen's Regt. ... 0

Division "A" Junior.
S. China "B" ... 3 Recreo Regt. ... 1
S. China "A" ... 4 University ... 0

Division "B" Junior.
St. Joseph's ... 1 Kowloon "B" ... 1
Chinese Athletic ... 0 Kung Woo ... 0

Friendly.
Kowloon ... 1 H.K. Police ... 0
Matches Cancelled.
Hong Kong Club Res. v. St. Joseph's.
South China v. Kowloon Res.

Division I.

H.K.F.C. v. R.A.F.

The teams were:—
R.A.F.—Avery, Leggett, Arlett, Morris, Welsh, Bailey, Robbins, Birch, Vernon, Armitage, Kingett.
Hong Kong Football Club.—Rodger, Wallington, Lyon, Ralston, Stewart, Watson, Taylor, Alexander, Bishop, F. S. W. Smith, Simpson.

Referee: Captain Austin, M.C., R.A.

For this match the Club were at home to the R.A.F. It commenced before a small crowd of spectators. The opening exchanges were even, the defences prevailing. Both sets of forwards passed well but their attacks broke down in the goal area.

A burst by Vernon was cleverly foiled by Rodger, who immediately afterwards saved a shot by Kingett in good style.

The Club were not to be denied and Avery was called upon to punch out a dropping shot by Simpson, and the R.A.F.'s defence was kept very much on the alert.

The game was fast. In a quick move on the Club goal Vernon scored with a fine shot. The Club forced a corner which was not cleared and Taylor sent in a deceiving ball which scored, Avery falling in his effort to turn the ball round the post. Even play followed with Avery having slightly more work to do than the Club goalkeeper. Half-time came with the score one goal each.

Even play ruled the second half. Rodger was called on to save a stiff shot and Vernon missed a good chance to score soon afterwards.

The game was kept very open, the ball being swung about by both teams. The R.A.F. forced a corner without result.

Following a run down by the R.A.F. forwards Vernon again scored with a low shot. Robbins had hard luck with a shot which hit the crossbar. The Club forwards then met with deserved success, Simpson running in from the wing and levelling the scores.

The result is a fair reflex of the play. Rodger kept a good goal. Stewart opened up the game well and the Club forwards did well against a worrying defence.

Avery's failure to prevent the first goal against his side marred an otherwise fine display. Welsh was a stumbling block at centre-half, and Vernon with Armitage were the best of a nippy set of forwards.

H.K. Club ... 2
R.A.F. ... 2

SOUTH CHINA v. K.O.S.B.

South China.—Chang Yuk-kwan, Li Ting-sang, Leung Wing-chiu, Leung Yin-chun, Pang Wah-hing, Leung Wing-tak, Ko Sik-wai, Wong Wei-shun, Fung King-cheong, Ip Pak-wah, Lai Ting-tai.

K.O.S.B.—Boyle, Gardner, Martin, Drury, Everest, Skiggs, Campbell, Stock, Humphries, McGlinchey, Alexander.

Referee: Mr. Gilbert.

For their opening game on the new ground South China had the K.O.S.B. as their opponents and great excitement prevailed throughout the game. The first half was fairly even, with the Borderers having the better of the exchanges, but they could not find the net. Pang Wah-hing opened the scoring for South China, and Fung King-cheong registered the second, with no further score being added in this half.

On the commencement of the second half the Borderers pressed heavily, but they had either forgotten how to shoot, or the ground was too sandy. This continued for

the first quarter of an hour, then they got three in succession, the first and second through Campbell, whose second goal was scrambled through, and the third was obtained by Gardner with a high cross-shot. The Borderers kept up their spirited display, with an occasional break away by South China.

In a melee in front of the South China goal, Chang Yuk-kwan held, and cleared, but Everest, with a first time return, scored from 25 yards' range. The fifth goal was obtained in a similar manner, Campbell being the scorer. They then forced a corner but South China cleared, and the play became more even. Towards the end of the game, Pte. Alexander sent over a good centre which Stock converted, the match finishing with the Borderers well deserving their win. Pte. Alexander on the left wing, ably supported by McGlinchey, played an outstanding game.

South China ... 2
K.O.S.B. ... 6

R.A. SURPRISE.

The R.A. defeated the Queen's Regiment at Sookumpoo by four goals to nil.

Teams:—
Royal Artillery.—Philpotts, Trim, Excel, Ginty, Fuller, Vicars, F. Smith, Maddocks, Fulford, Leach, Hill.

The Queen's Regt.—Dodds, Hill, Morris, Canter, Evans, Richardson, Caldwell, Barkley, Herridge, Hooper, Bunn.

Referee: Mr. Barber.

The game started off at a rattling pace and the Gunners soon settled down into their stride, registering their first goal within ten minutes of the start. Leach running through and scoring with a lovely ground shot, well out of reach of Dodds, the Queen's goal.

The Queen's then made a determined effort and forced a corner without result.

End to end play ensued, with Barkley of the Queen's missing a golden opportunity of scoring. Leach then secured, and placed to Smith who, taking the ball down the wing, made a fine centre for Hill to head into the net, thus putting the Gunners two up.

The Queen's were well holding their own, and should have been on level terms, if they had availed themselves of the opportunities offered.

Half time came with the Gunners two to their credit.

The second half was mostly in favour of the R.A., with brilliant flashes from the Queen's at intervals, who also missed a penalty. Leach, who was on top of his form, scored both goals in this half.

R.A. ... 4
The Queen's Regt. ... 0

Division II "A"

RECREIO v. SOUTH CHINA.

This game was played at Happy Valley and resulted in a win for South China by 3 goals to one. Play was inclined to be rough at times, the referee, in addition to ordering the Recreo goalkeeper off the field, gave two penalties against them. Tong Kwan took the penalties and beat the Recreo goalkeeper on each occasion.

Wan Kiu-chul also scored for the South China team, Pereira scoring for the Recreo. South China deserved to win but the score does not indicate the run of the play which was fairly even throughout.

CHINA "A" v. UNIVERSITY.

A very one-sided game was seen on St. Joseph's ground, resulting in a good win for China "A." Play was rarely outside the University goal area, their opponents beating them at all points of the game. Occasionally the University forwards broke away and were immediately driven back by the China "A" defence.

The goal scorers for the winners were Chan Woon-yin, Pang Cheong, in the first half, and Chang Shih-hong and Tsai Ping-fan in the second half.

China "A" 4, University 0.

H.K. CLUB v. ST. JOSEPH'S

This match, which should have been played on the Club ground was scratched owing to the inability of the Club to raise a team.

K.O.S.B. RES. v. R.A. RES.

The R.A. kicked off with only nine men, and did well under the circumstances. The left wing obtained possession, and got away, centring a lovely pass, which was headed over the bar. The Borderers then advanced, and a well placed high shot was well held by the goalies. The Borderers continued to press and 20 minutes from the start registered their first goal through Craig.

On the resumption of play the R.A., with a full team had much more of the game, and were well holding their own, but Skiggs, obtaining possession, made a perfect centre, from which Toal scored. The Gunners now pressed hard, and a misunderstanding on the part of the Borderers' back, allowed the R.A. through. The game from this point onwards, was end-to-end play, but no further score was added.

K.O.S.B.s 2, R.A. 1.

KOWLOON RES. v. STH. CHINA.

Kowloon turned up in full force at Chatham Road for this Junior "A" match but only three or four of the Chinese team put in an appearance. The match being cancelled. A good crowd of spectators present were naturally disappointed with the non-appearance of the Chinese team.

Division II "B."

ST. JOSEPH'S v. KOWLOON.

This game, played on St. Joseph's ground, resulted in a draw of one goal each.

CHINESE ATH. v. KUNG WOO.

These junior teams turned out as follows at King's Park before a great crowd. It was apparently a "free game," the stand being packed by a dense crowd all round the touch line.

Athletic:—Lee, Lee, Chan, Lo, Chan, Hee, Lee, Leong, Peng, Lee, Wong.

Kung Woo:—Li, Wong, Tek, Leung, Soo, Yeung, Cheung, Sek, Yeung, Li, Ng.

The game was very exciting as local rivalry as represented by the Kowloon Chinese (Kung Woo) and the Hong Kong Chinese (Athletic) was much in evidence. The ball travelled up and down at a furious pace, Wong and Lee on the Athletic left playing well together.

A penalty against Kung Woo was well cleared by Li, who effected a fine save and at the interval there was no score.

On resuming the Athletic attacked determinedly and only very fine defence by Wong and Tee, Kung Woo's full backs, kept the Athletic forwards out, and a brilliant clearance by Li, Kung Woo's goalie, close in was warmly applauded.

The Athletic were generally the superior side, but fine breaks away by Ng on the left and Yeung at centre forward were only kept out with difficulty.

Kung Woo made many dashing raids, principally through Cheong at outside right, who was a bit of a flier, but the Athletic defence held, and in spite of great pressure by the Athletic forwards, Li in goal and Wong and Tee resisted all efforts to score, the game ending in a pointless draw.

A great crowd seething with excitement watched this game which owing to local rivalry was intense with interest, and there is no doubt the Yaumati and Mongkok Chinese showed sterling form against their rivals from Hong Kong. On the day's play the Athletic were slightly superior, but Lee and his backs had many anxious times and for Kung Woo Li, Wong, So, Yeung, and Ng were very good, while the Athletic were well served by Lee, Chan, Chow, Leong and Wong, the game being very bright with much good football.

STH. CHINA v. BOY SCOUTS.

This junior game at Kowloon proved a fast and interesting game with South China much superior to the youthful scouts and in a fast first half Lee Shui-hong scored for South China who led at half time by 1-0. In the second half the South China XI played bright football and added to their lead Yau Tin-wah scoring also Ho Chu-wing, while Lee Shui-hong added another.

The Boy Scouts retaliated through Lau Ying-hong but the Chinese XI were always superior and won a bright game by four goals to one. For the Scouts the goalie did well and the right wing were very enterprising, while South China were well served by their right full back, centre half and the left wing, the forwards showing bright football.

Friendly Matches.

KOWLOON v HONG KONG POLICE.

For this interesting match at Kowloon the Police unfortunately turned up three short and were assisted by Guest, Pasco and Blacklock of the Kowloon Reserves. The majority of the Police stalwarts were on v.i.w., however, and a keen game was witnessed. Kowloon made further alterations in their team, Vickers being tried at outside right vice Pile, May playing half and McKelvie assisting the forwards, while Northey and Kermick (Royal Navy) helped the forward line, Muir coming in again at outside left. The teams lined out as follows:—
Kowloon:—Slipper; Wheeler, Dodson; May, Hedley, Miles; Vickers, Kermick, Northey, McKelvie, Muir.

Police:—Stokes; Wynne, Sherry; Guest, McCreedy, Brittain; Pasco, Cornwall; Hudson, Howarth, Blacklock.

Referee: Mr. Grimster, Naval Yard.

The game started in promising fashion and from an early attack Wynne relieved, and Pasco, breaking away, was stopped by Miles, who handled. From the resulting free kick Police pressed, but Wheeler relieved in good style, and Muir burst along the wing, passing to Northey, who tricked Brittain. Kowloon were

awarded a penalty, but Northey put outside, and following a hot attack on the Police goal the Kowloon centre tested Stokes, who saved well.

The Police now took a hand and after Hudson had missed a fine centre from Pasco, the Police centre forward flashed a beauty just by the post. Kowloon attacked and despite fine work by Wynne and Sherry, Vickers made a good run down on the right and centring nicely, McKelvie scored for Kowloon with a first timer.

Police broke away but Blacklock was weak on the left, and May was getting the ball every time. Kowloon kept up the attack, Muir doing well on the left, but the Police defence held, and Police just after had a great chance, Hudson just missing. Howarth, with a good effort, ran the ball just too far. The interval arrived with Kowloon one up.

Hot Attack.
Police set up a hot attack in the second half, but Hedley was playing well at centre half, and Wheeler was kicking in quite old-time form. From an attack by Kowloon Stokes did well to save a hot shot from McKelvie.

Kermick was the next to distinguish himself in the Kowloon forward line, dribbling through nicely but finishing over the bar. Kowloon were now doing well, playing with rare dash and testing Sherry and Wynne, the Police backs defending well, but in a big break away by Kowloon, Northey came right through on his own but finished weakly and Police relieved. Police attacked through Cornwall and Howarth, but Slipper saved and Kowloon retired winners of a good game by one goal.

Comment.

Although a friendly, the match was fought out with rare spirit and Police made the locals go all out for their win. Stokes deputised well for Clarke, and Wynne, Sherry, McCreedy, Brittain, and Hudson, played strong games. Muir played a dashing game on the left for Kowloon, and Northey and Kermick got on well, although they missed several "snips."

McKelvie was always a worker and Hedley and Wheeler were very strong in the defence. Slipper deputised for Angus with credit, and a good crowd were rewarded with a fine sporting game, there being an absence of fouls and this notwithstanding that the game was played at a fast pace and the players went all out all the time.

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COMPANY'S REPORTS FOR TWO YEARS.

The report for each of the year ended December 31, 1925, and December 31, 1926, states that the net results for these years are as follows:—In 1925 a loss of \$45,095, to which falls to be added interest on debentures (\$14,047); interest on bank overdraft, 8 per cent. seven year notes and other loans (\$194,865), making a total debit for the year of \$252,007. Deduct balance at credit of profit and loss account brought forward from 1924 (\$59,122), leaving a debit balance at December 31, 1925, of \$192,885. In 1926, a loss of \$540,011, to which falls to be added interest on debentures (\$11,644), interest on bank overdraft, 8 per cent. seven year notes and other loans (\$208,983), making a total debit for the two years of (\$955,523), against which there has been transferred the amount standing at credit of general reserve (\$700,000), leaving a debit balance at December 31, 1926, of \$255,523.

No allowance has been made for depreciation of buildings and fixed plant and machinery. These assets have been well maintained, all necessary repairs having been carried out, and replacements made where necessary.

The results shown above are mainly due to the continuance of the serious depression in the iron and steel and shipbuilding industries during the period under review, culminating in the disastrous coal dispute of 1926, which caused an almost entire cessation of production over a period of fully eight months. In arriving at these results the directors, having regard to the much diminished demand for armaments and certain special products, have written off a substantial sum from stocks and loose plant and tools necessary for the manufacture of such products.

In view of the effect of these results on the resources of the company, the directors considered it advisable to appoint a committee of investigation consisting of Mr. F. A. Searns, Sir Gilbert Garrus, K.B.E., Mr. W. W. Paine, and Mr. P. E. Marmion, to examine the affairs of the company and give the board the benefit of their expert assistance and advice as to the best steps to be taken in the circumstances.

Reorganisation Suggestions.
The directors had hoped that the committee would have been able to complete their report and recommendations in time to submit them to the shareholders concurrently with the presentation of the accounts submitted herewith and delayed presentation of the accounts accordingly. The committee, however, consider the moment opportune to submit a definite scheme for the reorganisation of the company's capital, but they express the opinion they will be able to put forward definite suggestions early next year.

The directors have had under consideration the values placed upon the fixed assets of the company and interests in subsidiary and connected companies. The values appearing against fixed assets are substantially below cost, but as no depreciation has been written off for several years, this item will require revision. The values placed upon interests in subsidiary and connected companies are the book values and in no case exceed cost; owing to the effect on these business of the continued depressed industrial conditions and the depreciation of foreign currencies, the values appearing in the books will require to be substantially reduced. As both these matters will, however, have to be dealt with in any capital reorganisation recommended by the committee, the directors do not think it appropriate to deal with these items in the accounts now presented. It has not yet been possible to arrive at a settlement of the complicated and involved question of the company's liability to Imperial taxation, but such progress has been made with the negotiations as should shortly enable a definite agreement to be reached.

It is stated that in the Parliamentary ranks of Labour there is growing dissatisfaction with Lord Haldane's leadership in the House of Lords. His critics suggest that on many recent occasions he has taken a line contrary to that adopted on particular measures in the House of Commons; that he falls regularly to consult the other Labour peers; and that he has no special regard for the decisions of the Parliamentary executive, which is the body mainly responsible for policy. It is said that these views have been represented to him from time to time by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, but it is generally recognised that Lord Haldane is not very easily influenced.

PASSING THROUGH.

PROMINENT NATIONALISTS ON TOUR.

A party of prominent Nationalists arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday aboard the s.s. "President Wilson" in the course of a world tour. The party includes Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wu; Mr. and Mrs. Sun Fo and two sons; Mr. Wu Han-min, daughter and son-in-law; Mr. S. Y. Wu, formerly Secretary to Mr. Sun Fo during the latter's administration of the Municipality of Canton, and latterly a Director General of Wine and Tobacco Revenues of the Nationalist Government of Nanking; Mr. F. U. Ly, an ex-Councillor of the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Foo Ping-shung, who arrived here recently is also joining the party. Mr. Foo was, until recently, Director General of the Customs Administration of the Nationalist Government and is better known to Hong Kong as Commissioner of Foreign Affairs during the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's administration. He is now on a mission to study Customs Administration abroad.

General Wu Te-chen also arrived with the party and is proceeding to Canton. The party's tour will take them to Manila, Singapore, Penang and overland, across the chief points of interest in India, to Bagdad. From Iraq the party will proceed to the chief places of interest in Palestine, and then to Ankara and Constantinople. They will then visit various European countries.

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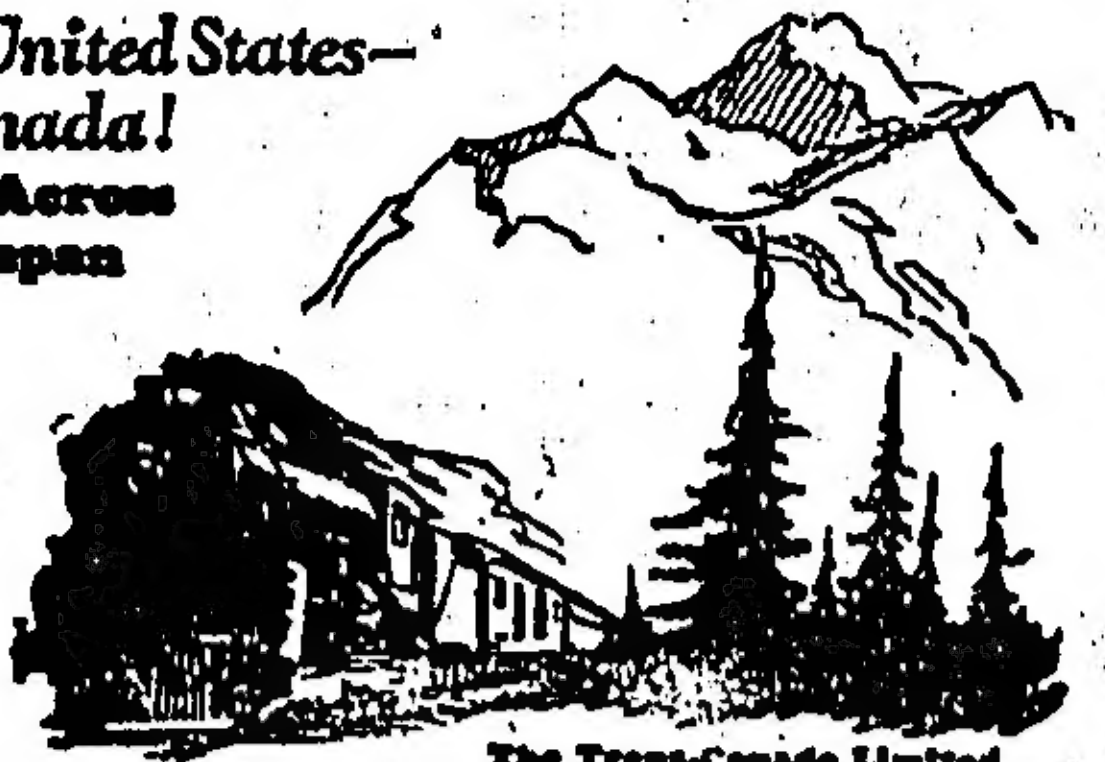
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The ex-Maharaja of Indore, who landed a week ago in Colombo will, it is reported on his arrival in Indore, after a visit to Hindu shrines, marry Miss Miller, an American girl, who accompanied him on his American and European tour.

Miss Miller arrived in Bombay a fortnight back and paid a visit to Indore.

All the efforts of the American Consul here to persuade Miss Miller to give up the marriage have proved futile.

It is stated that the wedding will be performed according to the ancient Vedic rites, Miss Miller becoming a Hindu after the Shuddhi ceremony.

Journey to Bombay.

Miss Miller, the ex-Maharaja's bride elect, is a pretty brunette, aged 23.

On the steamer "Genova," which brought her to Bombay on December 26, she was accompanied by an elderly lady, who was understood to be her grandmother, and she had with her a maid.

She did not mix much with other passengers, and did not share in the usual ship's amenities, but she appeared to her fellow passengers to be a girl of refinement, with an extraordinarily attractive personality.

She has not fallen a victim to the modern styles of hair dressing, but wears her hair in a coil at the nape of the neck.

Invariably she dresses in a quiet, tasteful manner, and though she is to marry an ex-ruler of an Indian State, she has a charming and homely manner, which suggests the refined atmosphere of an American household rather than that of a candidate for the affections of the head of a palace in India.

Passport Trouble.

At meals on board the steamer, Miss Miller dined at a table occupied mostly by Indians, and what conversation she carried on was practically solely with the Indians.

On arrival in Bombay, there was some trouble with the passport. Her passport was made out for the elderly lady who was accompanying her, as well as for herself.

The passport regulations provide that a man and his wife may travel on the same passport and a parent and child may do likewise, but the child must not be over 15 years old.

Miss Miller was allowed to land by the passport authorities, but it is understood that she was warned that the passport was not strictly in order, and might be the subject of a further communication.

Arranged in America.

The marriage of the American girl to the ex-Maharaja will be the sequel to the latter's foreign travels, undertaken after his abdication in February, 1926.

It will be recalled that, after travelling through Europe, the ex-Maharaja paid a visit to the United States. There, he met Miss Miller, though in what place and under what circumstances it is at present impossible to ascertain.

A strong friendship sprang up between them.

Their friendship apparently developed into mutual affection, and a marriage was arranged between them.

Arrangements were made for Miss Miller to travel to India, and, escorted by Mr. Abdul Rashid, and Captain R. B. Jadhav, members of the ex-Maharaja's suite, she duly made the journey to India.

It was planned that the ex-Maharaja should join her in India later.

Consul's Fruitless Efforts.

Meanwhile, the American Consul in Bombay had been informed of Miss Miller's impending arrival, and every effort was made to dissuade her from going through with her project and becoming one of the ex-Maharaja's wives.

Wife No. 3.

The consequences of her action were made plain to her, but Miss Miller would pay no heed to the advice given her, and announced her firm intention of marrying the ex-Maharaja, who already has two wives.

After repeated efforts to persuade her to give up the idea and to return to America, the American Consul in Bombay told her that she herself would be responsible for her action, that as she was a free citizen nothing could be done forcibly to dissuade her, and that the American authorities washed their hands off the whole affair.

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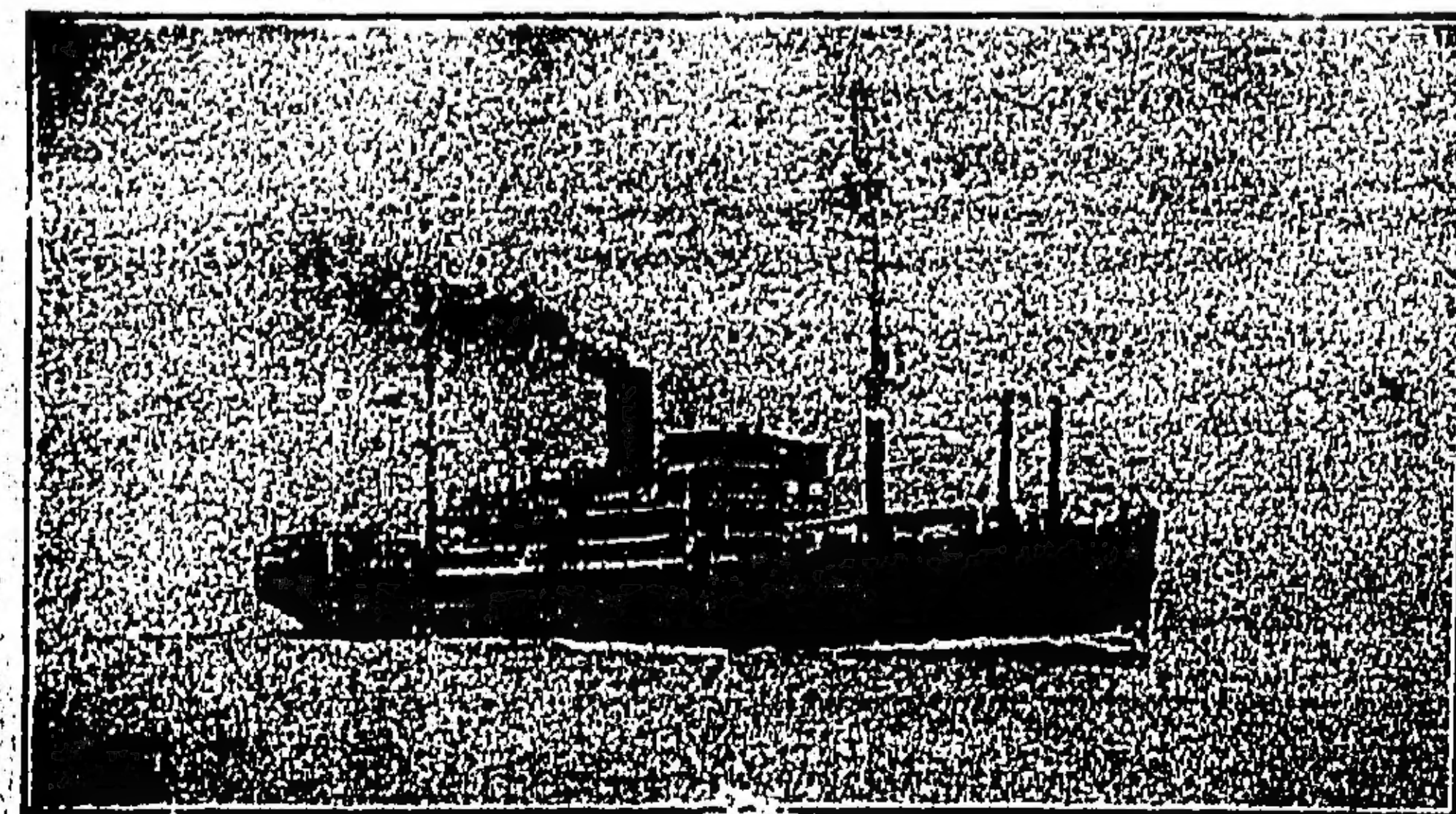
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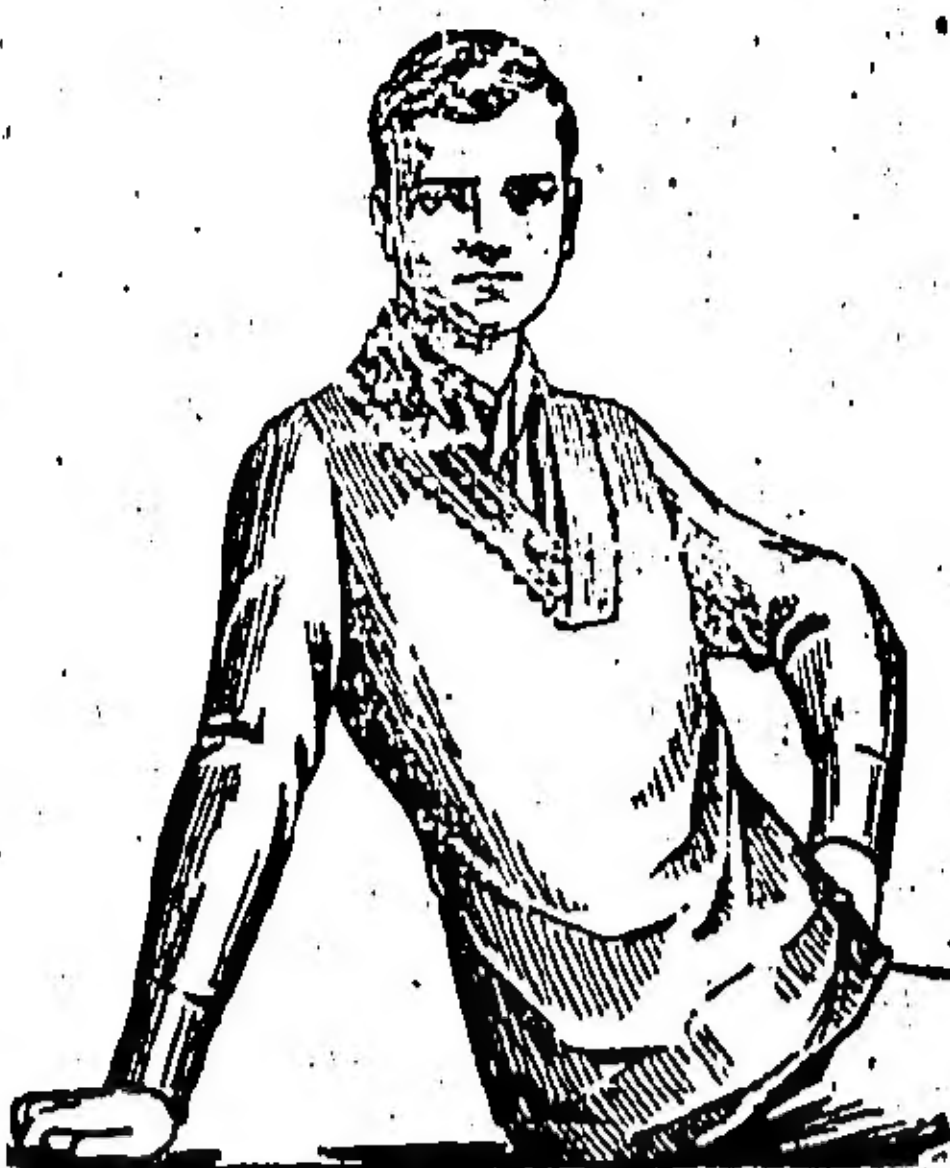
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NATIONALIST OUTLOOK.

Pessimism has been caused by the failure of the present Government of Nanking to consolidate the Nationalist position in China. To-day the outlook is no better than a few months ago, in spite of the series of military reverses sustained by the Peking Government. It might be argued that because Peking is worse off than at any other stage of the campaign, the Nationalists are going ahead. Such is not the case. True, the armies of the Peking Government have retired to within three hundred miles of the capital, but if the Government forces have been pressed back, the credit is due to the Kuomintang, the army under Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, who is best known as the "Christian General." Feng Yu-hsiang remains a member of the Nationalist Party, mainly because he is in the field against a common opponent. That the Southerners can never succeed in crossing the Yellow River (in a struggle against the North of China) is a saying that has become traditional. When Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was at the height of his power, the Nationalist (or Southern) Army set foot in Shantung province but had to turn back on approaching the Yellow River. More recently the Nationalist forces have gained ground once more. At the critical moment, however, internal dissent necessitated a halt. And it was from

this stage that the "Christian General," after joining hands with his friends, has carried on the war against Peking.

Reports about financial difficulties in the Nationalist camp have been persistent, particularly in the Chinese Press. Generals are at loggerheads and local commanders are withholding nearly all provincial revenue for their own war-chests. What have the Nationalists to show to balance all these factors on the debit side?

At one time the glamour attached to the three characters "Chiang Kai-shek" was enough to stir the populace to appreciable heights of patriotism and the troops to a fighting sense that provoked them to charge snow-capped hills, clad in only a singlet, shorts and sandals. Whereas it was heresy to breathe a word against the name of the Commander-in-Chief, there is now a considerable section of Nationalist opinion which is outspokenly opposed to him.

Within the sphere of Nationalist territory, the Central Government of the Nationalist Party at Nanking is becoming weaker and weaker. Generals are showing the old tuchun spirit again, acknowledging Nanking in name but not in deed. South of Hankow, a group of Nationalist armies is bent in individual extension, gaining in strength, and openly opposing the much-vaunted peace conference which Chiang Kai-shek has sponsored. Hong Kong is more familiar with conditions in the two Kwang provinces where the local administration is still nominally Nationalist but is setting its own course, has ceased to contribute to Nanking's exchequer, and is more or less acting in defiance of Chiang Kai-shek.

THE SILVER WOLF.

The December number of the "Silver Wolf," the monthly magazine of the Hong Kong Boy Scout Association, contains many fine features. The most notable is a straightforward and brief account of the life of a famous Mackenzie scout, Roland Phillips. It would do well for all Scoutmasters and Cubs of Hong Kong to follow his brave example, and try to do a good turn each day.

Miss Grace Toeg arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday by the Dollar Line "President Wilson" from Shanghai. Other Shanghai passengers to land here included Mr. C. M. Butt, Miss V. M. Chesworth, Mr. A. D. Crabbe, Mr. A. C. Davis, Mr. M. Dorian, Mr. F. A. Edmondson, Mr. S. J. Hicks and Mr. H. B. Ritter.

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THE HIGHEST AND
LOWEST.

LUCKY BLACKPOOL.

"The annual statement of the rates levied in various towns and urban districts in England and Wales, compiled by Mr. W. Allison Davies, Borough Treasurer of Preston, has just been issued for the year 1927-28. It shows that the highest rated place in the country this year is the urban district of Gellygaer, where the burden is 82s. 4d. in the pound," says the "Times."

"Other towns or districts with rates of 20s. or more in the pound include Barnsley, 22s. 3d.; East Ham, 22s. 8d.; Gateshead, 22s. 3d.; Merthyr Tydvil, 30s. 7½d.; Norwich, 20s. 6d.; West Ham, 24s. 6d.; Chesterfield, 20s.; Hartlepool, 21s. 4d.; Jarrow, 20s. 6d.; Kelghley, 20s. 6d.; Leyton, 22s. 4d.; Llanelly, 23s. 7d.; Whitehaven, 20s. 4d.; Abercarn, 25s.; Aberdare, 30s.; Abertillery, 26s. 4d.; Ashington, 21s. 4½d.; Blaydon, 25s. 8d.; Caerphilly, 28s.; Easington, 22s.; Felling-on-Tyne, 24s. 8d.; Hebburn, 23s.; Maesteg, 23s. 11d.; Pontypridd, 25s. 6d.; Rhondda, 30s.; Stanley, 20s. 6d.; Walthamstow, 25s.; Whickham, 24s. 1d.; Wombwell, 25s. 9d.; Bethnal Green, 22s. 4d.; and Poplar, 25s."

"The distinction of having the lowest rates rests with Blackpool, where the call for the financial year is 7s. 6d. in the pound. Rates in the majority of places are higher than they were in the year 1926-27, and the only other county borough or borough with rates under 10s. in the pound are Bournemouth, Darlington, Eastbourne, Oxford, Southport, Bexhill and Tunbridge Wells."

"The districts with exceptionally heavy rates are for the most part in South Wales and Durham, where there is much unemployment in the coalfields, and in the East End of London. The Poplar rate at 25s. is unchanged."

"The rates of some of the chief cities of England and Wales are as follows:—Birmingham, 15s.; Bristol, 16s. 8d.; Cardiff, 14s. 1d.; Leeds, 17s.; Leicester, 14s. 11d.; Liverpool, 14s. 3d.; Manchester, 15s. 6d.; Nottingham, 14s. 5d.; Plymouth, 14s. 6d.; Sheffield, 18s. 8½d.; and Stoke-on-Trent, 18s. 7½d. Westminster is the lowest rated of the Metropolitan boroughs, and Poplar the highest."

"Gas, Electricity and Trams. The return also gives some details of the charges for gas and electricity, the estimated transfers to municipal undertakings in respect of deficiencies in municipal undertakings, and the estimated transfers from these undertakings in relief of rates. Places which have the benefit of low charges for electricity, with the average price charged per unit, are:—Bath, 1.50d.; Leicester, 1.88d.; Sheffield, 2.16d.; South Shields, 1.70d.; Wallasey, 1.93d.; Walsall, 1.78d.; Yarmouth, 1.88d.; York, 1.88d.; Gravesend, 1.62d.; Jarrow, 1.64d.; Luton, 1.70d.; and Walsend-on-Tyne, 1.20d."

"Liverpool's municipal undertakings yield £181,698 in relief of the rates of the city, and many towns make a substantial profit on markets, gas, electricity and tramways. Others are less successful, and West Ham Corporation's tramways require a subsidy this year of £56,232."

ORGAN RECITAL.

THE CATHEDRAL ORGAN
FUND.

The following is the programme for the organ recital by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., at St. John's Cathedral which is to be given at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow, a collection being taken in aid of the Cathedral Organ Fund:—

- 1.—Choral Preludes: (a) "A" rose breaks into bloom" (Brahms).
- (b) "The Old 104th" (Parry).
- 2.—(a) Aria, from the Suite in D, and (b) Passepied (Bach).
- 3.—Allegro Maestoso in F Sharp (Rheinberger).
- 4.—(a) "The Question, and (b) "The Answer" (Wolstenholme). Hymn 242.
- 5.—Petite Pastorale (Ravel).
- 6.—Spring Song "From the South" (Lemare).
- 7.—Rhapsody in D. (Rowley).

The Canton Branch of the Political Council, at its 73rd meeting, decided to abolish all the military organs and to relieve the Kuomintang representatives attached to armies from their posts. The reason given for the decision is that the departments attached to the military organs are now so complete that this abolition will not prevent the execution of the revolutionary movement and the propagandizing of the Three People's Doctrine.

Ang Ah-chye, until lately a house "boy" at Government House, Singapore, was charged before the Third Police Magistrate at Singapore with the theft of a cheque belonging to Government House. He claimed trial. On a charge of using a genuine forged document, the accused also claimed trial. He was remanded in custody.

AID FOR SCHOOLS.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG'S
REQUEST.

HATAMEN OCTROI FUNDS.

Peking, Jan. 12.
In view of the financial stringency of the middle and primary schools in the capital. General Chang Hsueh-liang, commandant of the 3rd and 4th Mukden Army Corps said in his letter to Mr. Tiao Shih-yu, director of the educational bureau yesterday that he has wired to Mr. Hsu Shih-yu, director of the Hatamen octroi urging him to raise funds for the support of these schools. It is understood that the middle schools and primary schools in Peking used to draw a major part of their funds from the Hatamen octroi amounting to nearly \$40,000 a month. But since the outbreak of the Mukden-Shansi war, the revenue from the octroi has been diverted to military purposes leaving little for the upkeep of these schools. Owing to this, Mr. Lau Choh, Minister of Education and Mr. Tiao Shih-yu have negotiated with Mr. Hsu Shih-yu for financial support on the one hand and written to General Chang Hsueh-liang about it on the other.—"Kuo Wen."

NEW YEAR HONOURS

FREEDOM LEAGUE'S PROTEST
TO PREMIER.

FEW FOR WOMEN.

London, Jan. 7.
The number of Honours awarded to women in the New Year List has not mollified the Women's Freedom League, the Secretary of which has written to the Premier protesting against the comparatively few Honours awarded to women and complaining that only the British Empire Order and the Kaiser-I-Ind medals had been bestowed on women.

The League also objects to a "special order being created for the inclusion of women, in order to exclude them from participating in the other Honours normally distributed among men."—"Times of Ceylon."

JUSTICE TRAVESTY.

JURORS SEEK JUDGE'S
FORGIVENESS.

EVIDENCE DRANK.

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.
Nine jurors, five of whom were women, drank the evidence in a liquor law prosecution, then acquitted the accused, a liquor dealer. The Judge promptly discharged the jury, adding a few remarks on the duties of citizenship which made the atmosphere tingle. The Judge is now considering the reinstatement of the jury, as they have humbly confessed their fault and sought forgiveness. What moved the Judge most was that they took an unusually long time to reach their decision, and there was no apparent need to test the evidence, as its alcoholic character had been admitted by the accused himself.—"Times of Ceylon."

WATCHMAN'S CLAIM.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT
SUED.

An Indian watchman sued Mrs. Cameron, of St. Francis Hotel, Queen's Road, in the Summary Court this morning for \$75 alleged to be due for work done and services as a watchman. Plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, claimed that he was entitled to wages of \$25 a month in respect of October and November and to another month's wages in lieu of notice. It was alleged that he had been summarily dismissed. For the defendant (for whom Mr. Armstrong appeared) it was alleged that the defendant had been justifiably dismissed and that he was only entitled to the month's wages during which he served as watchman of the hotel. After hearing the evidence, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$55.88 cents, viz., wages for a month and a few days which he served and a month's wages in lieu of notice.

NO BOARDING PERMITS.

Capt. Millar, skipper of the s.s. "President Wilson," charged two Chinese with boarding the vessel without permits. They were sentenced to one month's imprisonment each.

UNLAWFUL MOORING.

Masters of a motor boat and steam launch were severely cautioned at the Marine Magistracy this morning for mooring their craft alongside the "Empress of Canada."

The ceremonial opening ceremony in regard to the new organ at St. Margaret's Church will take place on Thursday next, at 6.30 p.m., when Father Riganti will play appropriate selection.

BAIL MONEY.

FALSE PRETENCES
CHARGE.

TRIP TO SHANGHAI.

Remanded by Major C. Willson on Friday pending the arrival of witnesses from Shanghai, Ho Tin, described as a seaman living on the second floor of No. 50, Hollywood Road, again appeared before the Magistrate at the Central Magistracy this morning when evidence was taken against him on two charges of attempting to obtain money from two women by false pretences.

The first charge was that the accused on divers dates between December 29, 1927, and January 25, 1928, at No. 32, Hollywood Road, first floor, pretended to be the complainant (So Kiu) that he had been authorised by three Chinese (relatives of the complainant) who are detained at Shanghai, to collect \$4,000 to pay for the release of the three detained men.

The second charge, which was similarly worded, alleges that the accused on divers dates between December 29, 1927, and January 22, 1928, at No. 17, Staunton Street, second floor, attempted to obtain \$4,000 from the complainant (Chan Luk) on the same pretext.

Detective Sergeant Donovan, who prosecuted, said that acting on the instruction of a Chinese official in Shanghai named Mr. Tai, the Chinese police of the Fifth Station raided a certain house in the Chinese section of North Szechuen Road, and arrested six men as suspected communists. Amongst the six arrested men was the first complainant, So Kiu's son and two friends of the family.

At First Believed.

The accused discovered this, and going to So Kiu represented to the woman that he had been authorised by her son to collect \$4,000 bail money to secure the release of the son and his two friends. The accused was at first believed, and the first complainant attempted to raise the money by ordering the sale of some land in the country. In this she was not successful, however. Then the matter was discussed with the wife of one of the friends of So Kiu's son, and it was arranged that this woman should go to Shanghai to make inquiries, as the accused's story did not appear convincing when further particulars were required from him.

Whilst the woman was on her way to Shanghai, the accused was put off on the pretext that the money was being raised. On arrival at Shanghai, So Kiu's friend discovered that whilst it was a fact that her husband, So Kiu's son and another friend had been arrested, they had since been released. Telegrams were exchanged between So Kiu and her son in Shanghai, and the latter in one of the telegrams informed his mother that the accused had not been authorised by either himself or his friends to raise the bail money.

Police Trap.

Upon receipt of this telegram, So Kiu communicated with the police and a trap was prepared for the accused. The next time he called, the police were communicated with. So Kiu pretended to believe the accused's story, and advanced \$100 to him first, promising the balance within a couple of days. When the accused left the house, he was arrested by detectives who were waiting for him. In the meantime, it appeared, the accused was trying to work a similar fraud on another woman, the second complainant, from whom, as stated in the second charge, he attempted to obtain \$4,000. After several witnesses had been heard, the case was adjourned.

IN THE HARBOUR.

POLICE CALLED TO RESCUE
WOMAN.

Whilst Sub-Inspector Brown of the Water Police was patrolling the central fairway in a police launch on Saturday afternoon, his attention was attracted to the Yau-mat ferry launch "Man Yee" sounding four blasts on her whistle. The police launch immediately approached the ferry, which was crossing from Hong Kong to Yau-mat. When the police launch got near, a Chinese woman was found to be in difficulties in the water, having fallen overboard from the "Man Yee." Life buoys were thrown to the woman, whilst two of the crew of the "Man Yee" entered the water to rescue her. One of the seamen managed to reach the woman as she was about to sink, and succeeded in keeping her afloat until his feli reached the pair. Then between the two seamen they took the woman to the police launch which removed her to Hong Kong.

The woman's name was given as To Kam of No. 50, Haitan Street, Sunshui, and as the way she got into the water gave the impression that she had attempted to commit suicide, she was referred to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs where the matter is being investigated.

Lord Justice Scrutton presided at a farewell dinner of the Bench and Bar in the Inner Temple Hall given to Sir John Eldon Banks on his retirement from the Bench.

HOME SOCCER.

FOURTH ROUND CUP RESULTS.

LEAGUE TABLES.

London, Saturday.
Following are the fourth round English Cup results:—

Division I.

Bury 1, Manchester U. 1.
Exeter 2, Blackburn 2.
Cardiff 2, Liverpool 1.
Port Vale 3, New Brighton 0.
Swindon 1, Wednesday 2.
Southport 0, Middlesbrough 3.
Derby 0, Notts. Forest 0.
Wrexham 1, Birmingham 3.
Sunderland 1, Manchester C. 2.
Huddersfield 1, West Ham 1.
Aston Villa 3, Crewe 0.
Stoke 4, Bolton 2.
Tottenham 3, Oldham 0.
Arsenal 4, Everton 3.
Sheffield U. 3, Wolves 1.
Reading 0, Leicester 1.

Division II.

Barnsley 8, Fulham 4.
Blackpool 4, West Brom. 3.
Chelsea 1, Clapton O. 0.
Leeds 3, Bristol C. 2.

Division III (South).

Brentford 4, Luton 2.
Bournemouth 5, Millwall 0.
Brighton 4, Crystal Pal. 2.
Bristol R. 2, Newport 1.
Northants 4, Torquay 4.
Norwich 1, Walsall 4.
Plymouth 4, Coventry 0.
Watford 3, Queen's P. R. 3.

Division III (North).

Ashington 3, Hartlepool 1.
Barrow 1, Durham 2.
Bradford 5, Bradford C. 0.
Darlington 3, Accrington 0.
Doncaster 4, Wigan 1.
Stockport 2, Lincoln 0.
Tranmere 5, Chesterfield 3.

Scottish League.

Clyde 2, Airdrieonians 2.
Dundee 2, Hearts 7.
Dunfermline 2, Aberdeen 3.
Falkirk 2, Partick Thistle 1.
Hamilton 1, St. Mirren 2.
Hibernians 2, St. Johnstone 2.
Kilmarnock 2, Celtic 2.
Queen's Park 3, Motherwell 1.
Raith R. 0, Cowdenbeath 1.
Rangers 3, Bo'ness 1.

—Reuter.

LANDS AT SEA.

AIRSHIP ALIGHTS ON VESSEL.

New York, Saturday.
The airship "Los Angeles" landed on the aircraft carrier "Saratoga" 90 miles out at sea while the "Saratoga" was speeding at between 15 and 30 knots, thus demonstrating the possibility of refuelling dirigibles at sea, thus increasing their range. —Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH MINISTER.

COMING TO HONG KONG NEXT WEEK.

Peking, Saturday.
The British Minister is leaving Peking next week to return Sir Cecil Clementi's visit. On his way to Hong Kong he will call at the treaty ports, and visit the consular officials, and the British communities. He expects to be absent for several weeks. —Reuter.

THROWN IN AIR.

BIG OIL FIRE IN TEXAS.

McCombs (Texas), Saturday.
An explosion and fire destroyed an oil refining company's topping plant. One person was killed and 25 feet in the air and fell back into the flames. Damage is put at £100,000. —Reuter.

BLASCO IBANEZ.

FAMOUS SPANISH WRITER DEAD.

Mentone, Saturday.
The death is announced of Blasco Ibanez. —Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

Belfast, Saturday.
In the international rugby match, Ireland beat France by 12 points to 8.
There were 15,000 spectators to see the match, which was played on muddy ground. —Reuter.

MR. COSGRAVE.

LEAVES AMERICA FOR CANADA.

Philadelphia, Yesterday.
Mr. Cosgrave has left en route to Ottawa. —Reuter.

FOUL PLAY?

DISASTER ON BURMESE RAILWAY.

40 PERSONS KILLED.

Rangoon, Saturday.
Twenty-two persons are dead as the result of a portion of the Mandalay-Rangoon train crushing over a bridge about 100 miles from here. It has been discovered that a fishplate had been removed from the rails.

Later.

Up to now 40 are dead. Foul play is suspected. The victims are mostly Indian Burmans. Deliberate tampering. Four fishplates and four bolts have been discovered lying alongside the rails at the scene of the train smash, thus indicating a deliberate attempt to tamper. The railway agent specially mentions the help given by three passengers, including an American named Case, but complains that the villagers were apathetic. —Reuter.

Rangoon, Yesterday.
The death toll in the train disaster is now 52. —Reuter.

PRIEST SENTENCED.

"COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES."

Moscow, Saturday.
The Supreme Court has sentenced Monsignor Skalsky, to ten years' imprisonment and five years' loss of civic rights on a charge of counter-revolutionary activities. —Reuter.

He is charged with maintaining relations with the Polish official mission and handing the Polish representative a review of the condition of the Catholic clergy in the Ukraine, also with exploiting religious and national prejudices of the masses and agitating anti-Soviet clubs for adolescents. —Reuter.

Press Comment.
Warsaw, Yesterday.
A very painful impression has been created by the sentence of Skalsky. The Press sees therein the desire of the Soviet to make Skalsky the object of bargaining for the release of prominent Communist emissaries from Moscow who are serving long-term sentences.

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LORD SACKVILLE.

DEATH OF THIRD BARON.

London, Saturday.
The death is announced of Lord Sackville. —Reuter.

[Lionel Edward Sackville-West was the third Baron Sackville, the title being created in 1876. He was a Lieut.-Colonel of the West Kent Yeomanry, J.P. and D.L., and a Member of the Kent County Council.

Born on May 15, 1867, the late Lord Sackville was the son of Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, Grenadier Guards, and Georgina, the youngest daughter of George Dodwell of Kevinsfoot, Co. Sligo, Ireland.

He succeeded his uncle in 1908. In 1890 he married his cousin, Victoria Sackville-West. They had one daughter who in 1918 married the Hon. Harold Nicolson, the third son of Lord Carnock.

He was educated at Wellington and Christ Church, Oxford (M.A.), and served in the European War at Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine, and France, from 1914-1918. His heir is his brother, Major-General the Hon. Sir Charles Sackville-West.]

U.S. NAVY.

WHY MANY MORE MEN ARE NEEDED.

Washington, Saturday.
Giving evidence before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, Admiral Bueret stated that the increase of 20,000 enlisted men and 325 officers was necessary to man the cruisers now being constructed and contemplated under the new construction programme. —Reuter's American Service.

FLU IN JAPAN.

BIG TOLL AMONG CHILDREN.

Tokyo, Saturday.
According to police figures 600 persons, mainly children of two and three years of age have died of influenza in Tokyo during the past 10 days. —Reuter.

AMERICA'S THIRST.

CONFESSIONS OF A RUM-RUNNER.

HUMAN BRIBABILITY.

"Well, it's like this," he said; "while most of us were away soldiering, the women and the men who stayed at home put one over us, and we came home and found it done."

"The temperance people were worked up to a frenzy by an astute political gang, who used them as a stalking-horse. It's all so complicated that it would take a week to explain it properly. The long and short of it is that a man named Volstead was put up to promote a Federal Prohibition law, which was passed, and it is now illegal to import, make, sell, or transport alcoholic drinks."

"If you want to know how you've got to get a Government permit. Thus an American citizen on the Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. It is not for the outsider to criticize. Prohibition is America's own business. The outsider, however, is bound to observe with interest what happens when a rule of the kind is applied to a modern State, and in 'The Confessions of a Rum-Runner,' by James Barbican (Blackwood, 7s. 6d.), there is plenty of food for thought."

Mr. Barbican (the name is obviously a pseudonym) was a British ex-officer out of employment, attracted to the business of smuggling four years ago. In the course of his illicit employment he witnessed piracy on the high seas, something like murder on shore, and a good deal of dishonesty in high places. The story of his adventures, indeed, reads like a piece of extravagant fiction; and we are glad to have the assurance of his publishers—and certain private assurances—as to the authenticity of his material.

Technical Terms.

It is important, in the first place, to understand the technical terms used in what is now America's "third largest industry." The "rum-runner" is the aristocrat of the profession. He is the man on the ship which lies anchored on the ocean, and he has to contend with storms, pirates, mutiny, and the other perils of the sea. He is the owner of the small boat which goes out in all weathers to run in a load of contraband, and he has his main playing a lone hand against storms, fogs, revenue cutters, prohibition agents, police, and hijackers. By day and night he drives cars and great motor trucks at breakneck speed for hundreds of miles at a stretch, and stays for no man. He runs big risks, and often dies in his boots under the sky; but he is a real man, for no weakling can survive.

"Bootleggers" are the retail merchants who sell by the case, or even by the bottle, and for some reason the word is a term of reproach even in the trade itself, and small wonder, for among them there are some pretty slippery gentlemen. The big wholesalers, who organize and finance the business, are known as "operators"; they often put through deals involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, and always by word of mouth, as it is not safe to put anything in writing. "Hijackers" are the desperadoes who prey on the rum-runners, robbing them at the point of the revolver; they are often closely connected with the legitimate operators, and usually sell to them the booty they have wrested from others. They themselves are usually unsuccessful rum-runners whom misfortune has rendered desperate.

The length of the quotation must be excused for the sake of its importance. It explains the desperate nature of the business. Is the game worth the candle? Well, men have always loved desperate adventure, and no doubt there are many men in this trade rather for the fun of it, so to speak, than for the profits. If you insist that money is the only object, then Mr. Barbican offers us the figures of a deal he carried out with a certain Mr. Hopbit, an "operator." After a good deal of talk, the following terms were agreed upon:—

\$30 to be paid to me before the Cheviot left the ship.
\$10 to be allowed for the expenses of landing and delivery.
\$10 profit to Hopbit.
\$10 profit to his partner.
\$10 profit to me.
\$70 to be paid by the buyer.

The figures refer to cases of twelve bottles each. The operator would no doubt sell to a "bootlegger" whose profits must be counted in. Then there might be something payable to Revenue officials in hush-money. Thief lives on thief—it is the universal law of crime. There might even be an analytical chemist's fee for a certificate as to the soundness of "the stuff!"

Wholesale Corruption. The most depressing feature of a trade like this is its reliance on the force of human bribery. Mr. Barbican implies at least that the public servants of the States have been hopelessly corrupted. The rum-runner appears to despise the police.

The latter were divided into two categories—"good sports" who would wink at a small misdemeanor and accept bribes for overlooking a large one, and the "bad actors" whose big ideas about graft made it unprofitable to deal with them, or who, from cowardice or greed for promotion, would not

CINEMA NOTES.

'BEN-HUR' AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY.

THREE SHOWS DAILY.

The famous film version of "Ben-Hur," which cost over £600,000 to produce, begins a run of eight days at the Queen's Theatre this afternoon. As the picture is an exceptionally long one, only three performances take place daily, starting at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 immediately after the overture. The magnificent plot, fine characterisation and beautiful grips the imagination. In the motion picture the splendid portrayals of Ben-Hur by Ramon Novarro, Esther by May McAvoy, Mother of Hur by Claire McDowell, and Tirzah by Kathleen Key, add to the effect and enhance the romance. These players live the romantic side of the story, which is just as engrossing as the sea battle or even the "thrilling chariot race." Besides costing over £600,000 to make, "Ben-Hur" is notable for the fact that three years were spent in making it. The cast numbers 150,000 players. Conceived in a grandiose manner, and conscientiously and boldly carried through, "Ben-Hur" is easily the screen's greatest achievement to date.

A FUNNY LOVER.

BRIGHT FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Irresistible Lover" featuring Norman Kerry and Lois Moran in the leading roles was presented at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and attracted good houses at all the four showings. It is a pity that this picture was scheduled to play for only one day, as it is an appealing one which doubtless more would have liked to see. As the Irresistible Lover J. (Norman Kerry), Norman Kerry was in his element and his love affairs with Dolkins, Hortense and Zita, only to mention a trio, were full of funny situations. He gets engaged to every girl on sight, a pretty face being all the qualifications necessary. Every engagement is broken off almost as soon as it was arranged, and each time it cost Gray a big bunch of money as "heart balm." Then Gray meets Betty, a policeman's daughter, and discovers for the first time what real love is.

'WAY DOWN EAST.' FINE PICTURE AT THE WORLD.

"Way Down East," Lillian Gish's fine picture which one is never tired of seeing, and enjoy every performance, was presented once more at the World Theatre yesterday. All the four performances were well attended, and many were the signs of sympathy for Lillian as Anna Moore, the girl who was tricked into a mock marriage and then spurned when her child was about to be born. However, happiness came to her in the end, when she meets David, the son of Square Bartlett.

Silk forwarded from here by "Empress of Russia" on the 4th January arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 27th January having been 23 days in transit.

accept bribes, but "pinch" anyone without giving him a chance to talk business.

We are told how the Prohibition agent gets a cut off both ends of the joint by repressing with severity the rum-runner on a small scale—thus earning official approval—and at the same time accepting "grat" from the princes of the trade. Hence the high development of America's "third largest industry." Mr. Barbican calculates that, at a low estimate, the turnover for the trade is about sixty million pounds per annum. Of this sum, he calculates, five million pounds is represented by "grat"—"but probably it is double this amount."

Is It A Farce? Is Prohibition, then, a farce? Mr. Barbican declares that it is. Go to the houses of any prominent politicians or senators in Washington (with the exception of the White House and Mr. Taft's house), and in eight out of ten of them you will be pressed to drink whisky, gin, or champagne with an insistence to be found in no European country.

Go to the annual police dinner in New York and see if the amount of drink consumed would not put the whole force under the table were they not hardened to it by much practice.

But we cannot accept these instances as conclusive evidence. There are other factors to be counted in. On the whole, however, we can safely conclude that the export of rum is not likely to be tried here. Even the Local Veto elections in Scotland have already lost their significance.—"John o' London's Weekly."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE 'MAIL.'

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Desert's Toll."
To-day—World Theatre; "Way Down East."
To-day to February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."
January 31—February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."
February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
February 6—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja the Dancer," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.
February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.
January 31—H.K. Hockey Club v. Artillery, King's Park, 5 p.m.
February 1—H.K. Hockey Club in Sim Shield match v. Army, U.S.R.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
February 4—Boxing tournament under the auspices of the H.K. Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, Percival Street.
February 13, 14, 15, 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanning.
Hughes & Hough's Auction.
March 1—At Auction Room, Lee House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.
February 2—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, City Hall, 12.15 p.m.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.
February 9—Annual meeting of Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
February 2—Cerebral opening ceremony of new organ at St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood Rd., 6.30 p.m.

January 31—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
February 24—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Ore at "Multinomial," 2, May Road, 9.30 p.m.

EARL'S SON.

TO WED BRIDESMAID AT ROYAL WEDDING.

CAPTAIN BOWES-LYON.

One of the Duchesses of York's seven beautiful bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Cator, it is announced, has become engaged to the Hon. Michael Bowes-Lyon, third son of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and brother to the Duchess of York.

The wedding is expected to take place in two months' time. Miss Betty Cator, a brown-haired girl of merry temperament, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cator, of Woodbastwick Hall, Norfolk.

She and the Duchess were debutantes together after a girlhood friendship of many years.

Her father, Mr. John Cator, the well-known banker, was at one time M.P. for Huddington. The Cators come of famous Quaker stock.

Captain Bowes-Lyon, who is 34, served during the war as a captain in the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).

Both prefer the outdoor life of the country to the allurements of society.

Miss Cator is a keen follower of the hounds and an enthusiastic lawn tennis player.

At present they are both at Woodbastwick Hall, and recently joined a shooting party on the estate.

A Prisoner of War.
Mr. Michael Claude Hamilton Bowes-Lyon served in the war as a captain in the Royal Scots, being attached to the Lothian Regiment.

He was also an aide-de-camp on the Personal Staff. In 1917 he was taken a prisoner of war.

His eldest brother, Lord Glamis, was a Lieutenant in the Scots Guards, and became a major in the Black Watch, while fighting in the war, when he was wounded.

Another brother, the Hon. John Herbert Bowes-Lyon, was also in the Black Watch, and was wounded.

Mr. Bowes-Lyon has three sisters, the youngest of whom married the Duke of York nearly five years ago. His eldest sister is the wife of the Baron Elphinstone, and another married the Hon. William Spencer Leveson-Gower, R.N.

Mr. Bowes-Lyon is a great lover of the open-air life. Much of his time is spent at his Forfarshire home, where he has taken over about 40 acres of the Glamis Castle estates to carry on his hobby of pheasant breeding.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

A pianoforte recital will be given by Mr. Harry Ore, assisted by Mrs. E. Dunbar, soprano, at the residence of Mr. L. Dunbar, "Multinomial," 2, May Road, on Friday, February 24 at 9.30 p.m. Tickets (admission \$3) are now obtainable.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Santiago.—The Senate has approved in principle of the Government Oil Bill.

Booking for the Banvard Musical Comedy Company's Season, starting at the Theatre Royal on February 6, opens at Moutrie's today.

Mr. J. A. S. Laird has taken over the management of the Jemina estate, Seremban, vacated by Mr. W. B. Monilaws, who has left for Home with Mrs. Monilaws.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Groves are staying in Nice for the winter. Since he retired from the F.M.S. Public Works Department Mr. Groves and his wife have spent most of their time wandering about the Continent. He has had bad health but has recovered and now looks well.—Ex.

The marriage took place at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Penang, of Mr. A. Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fletcher, and Miss P. Chan. The Rev. Father de Souza officiated. Following the church ceremony, a reception was held at the Eurasian Volunteers Club.

Mitchell Fields, New York, Jan. 29.—In the teeth of a high wind group observation planes carried out manoeuvres, while acting under radio instructions from the ground and carrying out drill orders spoken into a microphone. Clouds at times completely obscured the planes from view.—Reuter.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—As President Cosgrave was leaving the House of Cardinal Dougherty, whom he visited early in the morning, a woman in the crowd plucked his sleeve and raised her umbrella as if to strike a blow. A member of the Party intervened and received a slight blow on the shoulder. The police hustled off the woman, who is believed to be mentally unbalanced.—Reuter.

A gift of \$100,000 for educational purpose in Hong Kong has been made by Mr. Wu Hay-tong, one of the best known members of the local Chinese community. He is the river shipping magnate and owns one of the leading steamers on the Canton run, as well as being interested in several others. No condition has been attached to the gift which is to be devoted to scholarships.

The new Dean of St. John's Cathedral, the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, delivered his first sermon at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday to a large congregation. At a Congregational reception held in the Church Hall following the evening service, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar, welcomed the Dean and Mrs. Swann on behalf of the Kowloon community, the Dean in reply referring to the kindness with which he had been received since his arrival in the Colony.

In addition to Ministers in the Nationalist Government of China, Dr. C. C. Wu and others, there were on board the s.s. "President Wilson" which passed through Hong Kong over the week-end in the course of a round-the-world trip, several prominent passengers including Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thoroldsen, mine owner and manufacturer of Chicago and Hollywood; Mrs. F. S. Robinson, a sister of Mr. Paul Shoup, vice-President of the Southern Pacific Railway; Mr. Rudolph Geering, of the General Motors Co.; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thornton, of New York. Mr. Thornton was until recently a director of the Remington Typewriter Company, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gillares and son, returning to France from Shanghai, where Mr. Gillares is manager for China of the Michelin Tyre Company and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lang, silk merchant of Shanghai, en route to Genoa.

Local veto polls in 16 areas of Scotland have resulted in the repeal of limitation in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, and Buckie, Banffshire.

Nine White Star liners, with an aggregate tonnage of more than 180,000, have been berthed together in the Gladstone Dock, Liverpool.

Mr. Sidney A. Moss, the well-known Shanghai attorney, and Mrs. Moss, are leaving on the "President Cleveland" for a short trip to Manila.

The Nationalist Government is reported to have definitely appointed Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang Chairman of the Honan Provincial Committee.

The new cruiser "Cumberland," which was laid down three years ago, has been commissioned at Chatham and will leave for China early next month.

About \$50 was stolen from a safe in the Express Dairy Company's shop in Parliament Street, Westminster, S.W., which is within 100 yards of Scotland Yard.

Mr. Joseph Addison, Counsellor of the Berlin Embassy, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

The tomb stone in memory of the Russians who were killed by Chinese troops at Nanking last spring has been completed and will be unveiled shortly, Russian newspaper reports state.

The Royal Mint is being overwhelmed with demands for specimen sets of the new silver coinage, not only from collectors, but also from people anxious to give them as a Christmas present.

Mr. John Roberts, chairman of the committee of the Llandudno Town Improvement Association, at the annual meeting of the association said that in consequence of newspaper advertising more than 11,000 letters had been dealt with at the offices of the association.

The Japan Lawyers' Association has nominated 15 of its members to investigate the trouble between the Noda Soy Manufacturing Company and the workers of the company. It is stated that, if there is a possibility of the trouble being settled, the Association will mediate between the two parties.

By the departure of Mr. J. L. Stanton, J.F. for Home on retirement Malacca loses a very popular sportsman. He has been in Malacca for several years, and was a good cricketer, often captaining the local side. He took a great interest in other forms of sport and also in the Scout movement. He was Vice-President of the Malacca Club.

The selection of Japanese delegates to be sent to the forthcoming International Labour Congress is under consideration. It is recently considered likely that Mr. Kakichi Kahanada, Chief of the Labour Section of the Social Welfare Bureau, will be selected as Government representative; Mr. Kanichi Fujita, Chairman of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce as capitalist representative; and Mr. Torao Kuno, representative of the Federation of Naval Labour Unions as labour representative.

Elephants have been paying a lot of unnecessary attention to the Segama Railway of late and even refuse to move when they see the train coming and hear the engine's whistle. Various courses of action have been suggested to deal with this nuisance, but it is worth suggesting that Mr. Theobald with his one-string fiddle and Mr. Ingate with a circular saw might give an imitation of "Orpheus up-to-date" and we doubt if any elephant would stand for that. I wouldn't anyway.—Lahad Datu notes in B.N.B. Herald.

A licence for a marriage between Noel Countess of Rothes and Major Claude Macfie, D.S.O., has been obtained at the Archbishop of Canterbury's Faculty Office, Knightbridge Street, E.C., and it is expected that the wedding will take place shortly at Holy Trinity Church, Chelsea. Noel Lady Rothes was one of the survivors of the Titanic disaster in April 1912, when 1,500 lives were lost. She took an oar and helped to pull one of the boats. She is the widow of Lord Rothes and has two sons. Major Macfie, who is 49, was in the Seaforth Highlanders, and retired seven years ago.

We regret to record the death of a well-known member of the Chinese community in Shanghai, Mr. Sheng Zung-yih. The late Mr. Sheng Zung-yih was one of the Managing Directors of the Chinese Chartered Stock and Produce Exchange for many years, and in charge of the cotton section of the Exchange. He was a native of Tai-chong, Kiangsu, and was very well-known in financial circles, being one of the original promoters of the Chinese Chartered Stock and Produce Exchange. Previous to the present Kuomintang regime, the late Mr. Sheng Zung-yih was a member of the Directorate of the Nantao Municipal Council—"Shanghai Times."

Hints to farmers on the eradication of wild oats are issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Driver and horse were drowned when a lorry slipped over the bank into the River Lee at Cork.

Mr. Warren S. Dyer, of Shanghai, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Mrs. Mary Porter, who lived in the same cottage for 83 years, has died at Bingham, near Nottingham, aged 102.

The Queen knitted a woollen shawl as a Christmas present for a patient in the West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

Mr. N. R. Fox-Andrews, barrister, of Temple Gardens, Temple, E.C., had a finger cut off at the first joint by the fan of his motor-car.

Dr. Oscar Madley Holden, medical officer of health for Blackburn, has been appointed medical officer at Croydon, at a salary of £1,300 a year.

Frederick Ford, of Southend, who was paralysed following a fall from a scaffold, has died after being in Rochford Hospital, Southend, for more than 23 years.

A sum of £13,000, representing the share-out of the King's Head Loan Society, Edmonton, N., was conveyed from the bank by a bicycle ridden by a boy of 17.

Grounds for divorce were established in the American Court for China by Mr. Robert Mishler and accordingly Judge Milton D. Purdy granted an interlocutory order for divorce.

Home employers have offered an increase of a halfpenny an hour from January 1 to workers in the electricity supply industry, who have been demanding an increase of a penny an hour.

"I must ask the Press to be good enough to stop reporting these drowning cases," said Mr. Butcher, the district coroner at Leigh, Lancashire, when an inquest was held on the fifth person drowned in the Leigh Canal in less than three weeks.

The Commissioner, Trade and Customs, F.M.S., informs us that the duty collected on rubber during December was: F.M.S. \$532,638.34; S.S. \$111,969.24. The former amount includes duty at 8 cents per lb. on 230 lb. shortshipped during the month.

Home papers announce the death at Bognor of the wife of Mr. J. P. Donovan, retired Commissioner, Chinese Postal Administration; also, at Cheltenham, of Mrs. Catharine Hannah Graham, the widow of Mr. George Frederick Graham, I. M. Customs, Shanghai.

The steamer "Belgenland," which again is circling the world with approximately 350 tourists on board, under the direction of the International Mercantile Marine Company, in co-operation with the American Express Company, will arrive at Shanghai on February 2 and sail again on the evening of February 4.

The Royal Artillery Association held a dance at the Seamen's Institute on Sat. night. There was a good attendance present including many ladies, and thus everyone who wished to dance did not lack a partner. The decoration was simple but nevertheless effective, and a fine orchestra composed of local amateur musical talent supplied a fine programme of dance music.

William Brennan, an unrecognized British subject, of no fixed abode, appeared before Judge Liang in the Provisional Court, on charge of begging in Bubbling Well Road. A Chinese constable having given evidence that he had seen accused approach two foreign ladies and ask for money, Brennan said that he had no place to sleep nor had he any papers to prove his British nationality. The charge was dismissed.

At a meeting of the Penang Municipal Commissioners, Mr. G. L. Ham stated that, after full investigation of the recent disturbance in the Town Hall caused by a party of Europeans, he was not prepared to take any legal action. The accounts of the affair appeared to have been over-coloured. At the same time, such conduct could not be countenanced in future. The parties under censure had given an undertaking to send a letter of apology to the company and also to refrain from any such demonstration in future.

The Shanghai Danish Consular Court, Mr. S. Langkjaer (President) and two civilian assessors, sentenced H. Blabjerg, charged with having, on December 31, in Shanghai, killed, by negligence, unintentionally, one Doe Nyo, to 14 days' imprisonment, which sentence will be served in the Amoy Road Gaol. Accused also was prohibited from driving any kind of a motor vehicle in Shanghai for five years. Blabjerg was permitted 24 hours in which to appeal, being out on the former bail, \$300.

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SPORTS

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HEIR APPARENT, DERBY FAVOURITE.

BOXING EVE NEXT BEST.

The price for Heir Apparent, the favourite in the Hong Kong Derby to be run on February 14, has shortened to 3 to 1 against. Next best in demand is Boxing Eve at 5 to 2.

Latest quotations by Mr. Frank Haytor are as follows:—

9/1. Peck.
16/1. Pickle.
33/1. Harlene.
25/1. Movanager.
50/1. U. U. II.
1000/30. Blackstone Hall.
33/1. Guild Hall.
40/1. Manor Hall.
33/1. Duke of Verona.
20/1. Young Pretender.
3/1. Heir Apparent.
100/15. Sitting Bull.
100/7. Bakers Bay.
1000/20. Coos Bay.
35/1. Deepwater Bay.
100/14. Monterey Bay.
25/1. Comrade.
22/1. Captain.
12/1. New Year's Eve.
9/2. Boxing Eve.
33/1. Miah Miah.
7/1. November.
25/1. Handsome Stag.
9/1. Winsome Stag.

KWANTI GYMKHANA

KOSHIES HAVE A DAY OUT.

EXCELLENT SPORT.

At the Kwanti Hecourse yesterday, the King's Own Scottish Borderers held a Gymkhana which in spite of the unfavourable weather conditions was well attended.

The sport was excellent, and all who made the trip out had a very enjoyable afternoon.

A great deal of amusement was provided by the Mule Derby when the lunder after going strongly for two furlongs suddenly got into its head, as it were, a way of doing, of returning to the stable!

The following were the results of the meet:—

Subaltern's Cup.
Mr. J. G. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Owner) 1
Mr. J. Scott Elliot's Cintra (Owner) 2
Mr. D. MacLaren's Lochearn (Owner) 3
Also ran: Silver Fox (Mr. Welch); Safety First (Mr. Clarke); Pari Mutual \$1 return \$1.87, \$5 return \$8.50.
Cash Sweeps.
No. 24 \$52.45.
No. 3 \$14.50.
No. 40 \$ 7.45.

Sun Wai Cup.

Mr. Hec Cheong's Man of War (Mr. Charles) 1

Mr. M. M. Muns' Caviare (Mr. Pollock) 2

Mrs. R. J. Janterson's Scooter (Mr. Bullock) 3

Also ran: Southey (Mr. Durracher); Sunning (Mr. Morgan); Iron General (Mr. Wallbridge); Waichow (Mr. Miller); Durian (Mr. Clarke); Peking (Mr. Baskin); Red Leaves (Mr. Stanton).

Pari Mutual \$1 return \$3.00, \$5 return \$8.00.

Cash Sweeps.

No. 65 \$53.20.

No. 68 \$15.20.

No. 62 \$ 7.60.

Mule Derby.

C. Sergeant Morrison 1

Private Silt 2

Pari Mutual \$1 return \$4.30.

Cash Sweeps.

No. 13 \$87.80.

No. 49 \$10.80.

No. 4 \$ 4.80.

Regimental Race.

Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Owner) 1

Col. Comyn's Borderer (Mr. Hanky) 2

Also ran: Durham (Mr. Scott Elliot); Kandoo (Captain Abbott); Waterside (Mr. Welsh); Rivergrass (Mr. MacLaren).

Pari Mutual \$5 return \$18.50, \$1 return \$3.50.

Cash Sweeps.

No. 20 \$45.20.

No. 4 \$18.00.

No. 48 \$ 6.50.

Foxhunters Cup.

Mr. Erskine's Rupert (Owner) 1

Mr. Sewell's Circe (Owner) 2

Mr. Pott's Crutched (Owner) 3

Also ran: Arterexxer (Mr. Bolton); Chung-ku-lau (Mr. Elliott); Senatorship (Mr. Morgan); Alhambra (Mr. Pollock); James Pigg (Mr. Macnamara); Blotting Paper (Mr. Watson); Racehorse (Mr. Stanton).

Pari Mutual \$5 return \$47.00, \$1 return \$6.00.

Cash Sweeps.

No. 55 \$65.10.

No. 95 \$18.00.

No. 51 \$ 9.80.

THE WARATAHS.

DRAW AGAIN WITH LONDON.

RUGGER TOUR SUMMARY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The New South Wales rugby team (the Waratahs) completed their tour with a second meeting with London at Twickenham, the game for a second time ending in pointless draw.

The tour in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales included 23 matches and of these the Waratahs won 22, lost 4, and drew 2.

"Tonic of the Season."

In international engagements, England and Scotland won victories against the Waratahs but the Waratahs beat Ireland, Wales and France.

The "Observer" says that they have played throughout the tour in the best spirit and their visit has been one of the tonics of the season. Other papers pay similar tributes.—British Wireless Service.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

2ND SCOTS GUARDS BEAT TAIKOO.

TWO SCORE OVER 100.

A very interesting and closely contested match in the Rifle League was shot off on Saturday at Tai Koo range, between the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and the Tai Koo Rifle Club, resulting in a win for the Guards by 14 points.

At one stage towards the end, only one point separated the two teams. A feature of the shoot were the centuries made by two of the shooters, Piper Taylor of the Guards scoring 101, and Mr. A. McIndoe of Tai Koo Rifle Club scoring 100.

Scores were as follows:—

Tai Koo Rifle Club.			
Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Totals
Grimshaw	24	32	25 81
McLennan	30	32	29 91
Summers	29	34	28 91
Swan	30	30	30 90
Wallace	29	33	27 89
Maxwell	29	23	27 79
McIndoe	31	35	34 100
Walsley	30	32	31 93
Totals	232	251	231 714

2nd Batt. Scots Guards.

Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Totals
R.S.M. Murray	29	33	30 92
D/Sgt. Blakeley	28	32	29 89
C.S.M. Proven	32	29	30 91
Sgt. I/M.			
Slater	27	31	25 88
Sgt. Ley	33	32	31 96
Sgt. Quinn	31	31	27 89
L/Sgt. Jeffrey	30	26	31 87
Piper Taylor	34	33	34 101
Totals	244	247	237 728

YACHTING.

MENAGERIE RACE ON SATURDAY.

A Menagerie Race was held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon.

Ten yachts started out; only four finished the course. "Diana" was in first in the time of 5:38.29 with "Halcyon" some distance behind, but on corrected time she tied with "Diana" for first place. "Daphne" which came in third went up second and "Gael" the only other yacht to finish, took third place.

The course was Lyemun Beacon (P), East Rock Buoy (S) and Channel Rocks (S). Distance 8.5 miles.

The result was as follows:—

Time.	Time.
"Diana".....	5:38.29 5:37.04
"Halcyon".....	5:54.24 5:37.04
"Daphne".....	6:01.14 5:43.64
"Gael".....	6:08.43 5:54.20

The following yachts did not finish:—

"Rolla," "Allsa," "Pierrette," "Thecla," "Joan" and "Adele."

Cruiser Race.

The fourth cruiser championship race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was held yesterday. Out of 15 entries only six yachts started and all finished the course. "Curlew" was first finishing in 2:50.27, the corrected time being 1:54.52.

The following were the results:—

Time.	Time.
"Curlew".....	2:50.27 1:54.52
"Queensbee".....	2:52.55 1:55.19
"Feathers".....	2:38.00 1:55.24
"Norseman".....	2:56.55 2:08.36
"U. & I.".....	2:39.07 2:14.57
"La Cigal".....	2:29.04 2:29.04

The following yachts did not sail:—

"Azuma," "Brenda," "Isis," "Irene," "Typhoon," "Coquette," "Sea Rover," "West Wind" and "Brenhilda."

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE DRAW WITH INDIANS.

KOWLOON BEAT NAVY.

Five matches were decided in the cricket league on Saturday, two of these being in the senior division.

The Kowloon C.C. 1st XI had matters practically all their own way, against the Royal Navy. Last year's champions (K.C.C.) who started their season much later than the other teams, are creeping up, and share the honour with the University of having an undefeated record to date.

The Civil Service C.C. drew with the Indian R.C. "A," thanks to a bright innings of 92 by de Rome.

By defeating the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Kowloon C.C. 2nd have improved their position in the junior table. The Electric R.C. and the Royal Engineers played off their postponed match of October 8, the latter winning by 83 runs. H.M.S. "Tamar"

SOCCER TRIAL.

Scots Prepare For "Herald" Cup Final.

To get practice before the final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup, a Scottish football team played H.M.S. "Tania" yesterday on the H.K.F.C. ground.

McClintchey scored for Scotland and Balcombe for the "Tania."

"Rover's" report on the trial game will appear to-morrow.

League Matches.

Division I.

ROYAL NAVY v. K.C.C.

At King's Park, the Royal Navy lost to the Kowloon C.C. by seven wickets.

Batting first, the home team made 85 runs, Brace who took eight wickets for 18, being practically unplayable with the ball.

The Kowloon C.C. passed their opponents' score for the loss of only three wickets, and after the fall of the fourth wicket, with 86 runs to their credit, stumps were drawn.

Royal Navy.

Lt. Salter, l.b.w., b. Lyl 0
Lt. Cecil, b. Brace 12
Surge-Lt. Bingham, b. Brace 12
L. A. C. Tansley, b. Brace 4
Rev. Venn, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Brace 5
Brace 6
Pvt. Lt. Condr. Shaw, b. Ross 5
Lt. Colm. Collinson, b. Brace 14
Lugg, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Brace 14
Lt. Walter, not out 2
E. R. A. Sparrow, b. Brace 2
Tul. Wood, c. Lyl, b. Brace 10
Extras 10
Total 85

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyl	8	4	11
Goodwin	8	0	21
Brace	8	4	18
Ross	3	0	10

Kowloon C.C.

E. C. Fincher, run out 10
E. F. Fincher, c. & b. Shaw 25
W. Brace, not out 27
A. W. Ramsay, b. Sparrow 9
Rev. J. P. Murray, c. Shaw, b. Sparrow 4
Extras 20
Total (for 4 wkts.) 80

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Wood	3	0	7
Sparrow	12	1	32
Tansley	4	2	15
Shaw	5	1	12

Civil Service v. L.R.C. "A."

A very close game was fought out at Happy Valley when the Civil Service C.C. drew with the Indian R.C. "A."

Thanks to a forceful innings of 92 by de Rome who survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket when he had not reached 80 runs, the Civil Service C.C. dealt with the respective total of 176.

Evans partnered de Rome for a valuable 117 for the third wicket, the former claiming 85.

With one hour and forty minutes to make 176 runs, the Indians made a praiseworthy attempt to win the match and were only 20 runs behind after losing five wickets when the closure was applied. S. A. Ismail (32) and A. R. Minu (36) put up 69 runs between them, the latter hitting out to good effect. Rumjahn made 22 whilst Madar contributed 20 not out. Scores:—

Civil Service C.C.

G. B. Sayer, c. Madar, b. A. R. Minu 5
F. J. de Rome, c. O. Ismail, b. F. M. el Arculli 62
F. M. el Arculli 0
A. E. Wood, b. A. R. Minu 0
B. D. Evans, c. and F. M. el Arculli 85
E. W. Hamilton, Cursem, b. F. M. el Arculli 0

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. el Arculli	9	2	29
A. R. Minu	11	1	40
Cursem	7	0	41
Madar	6	1	27
A. el Arculli	8	0	12
Rumjahn	8	0	18

Indian R.C. "A."

A. H. Rumjahn, b. Evans 22
A. el Arculli, l.b.w., b. Hamilton 5
S. A. Ismail, run out 32
O. Ismail, b. Hamilton 37
B. A. R. Minu, b. Sayer 36
A. H. Madar, not out 20
J. S. A. Cursem, not out 14
Extras 10
Total (for 5 wkts.) 156
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RUGBY EVIL.

KNOCK ON AND SCRUM TROUBLES.

WHAT IS WRONG.

[The Rev. F. H. Chambers, the well-known referee, vigorously attacks the scrummage evil in the "Athletic News" and offers a remedy in the following interview with "Forward." It is a fearless talk on To-day's Tone and Tactics in professional Rugby football.]

Generally speaking, there is nothing wrong with the game as it is played by the amateurs, but it suffers through the knock-on, which may make all the difference between score and no score.

1. The knock-on. I would not pull the game up for any kind of knock-on, save the deliberate one. A side is always penalised by the loss of time it suffers through the knock-on, which may make all the difference between score and no score.

2. Scrum troubles. This is the great bugbear of the Rugby League game—especially from a referee's standpoint. Nobody hates whistling more than the referee, but instructions have to be observed, and he has no option but the scrum—though ignorant critics, who fancy themselves as wits appear to think so.

The five yards rule may have helped to speed up the game, but it is, in any case, the squeezing out of a blackhead, while the cancer of the scrum has been left untouched.

Had the authorities insisted upon the "immediate" playing of the ball after a tackle has "immediately" released his opponent there would have been no trouble and introduction of more complicated instructions and consequent penalties.

I still maintain that the scrum rules are not effective. Let all the instructions be observed, and all feet kept in place until the ball goes into the tunnel.

The quick hooker, with "the modern method" (as one hooker described it to me when I was penalising him) of sweeping for the ball, is often "bound" to turn it out of the same opening instead of into his fellows' feet. The ball hits him and rebounds.

It is also a psychological factor to be noticed that the quicker the half-back wishes to retire behind his forwards the quicker is his action in putting the ball into the tunnel, and this also often accounts for its quicker coming out the same way.

We all wish to get the ball into the scrum. Our officials gave lip-service to this idea, and instructions and threats have been given to referees to compel this to be done.

Yet two seasons ago, in a meeting of officials and referees, Mr. J. B. Cooke, admitted that it appeared that the rule was not followed and would have to be remedied. He has retired, but the rule, like Tennyson's "Brook," still goes on, and the game irritates instead of thrills.

A Remedy. Officials and players have had experience of it. It works, and such men as Sullivan and Watkins—captains of Glamorgan and Monmouth teams last season—can verify that.

In that County match, which I had at Pontypridd last year, Mr. Lingard, the authoritative member of the governing body, asked me, at half-time, to give an exhibition of my suggestion regarding scrum rules. As Sullivan and Watkins supported him, we agreed.

I asked the forwards to back so that the two men at the far side of the tunnel away from the half-back should cross their legs—really this means cross ankles. No one pushes or lifts a foot until the half-back has hit those crossed ankles, when the ball rebounds into the tunnel, and then it may be got by hooking or pushing.

It will be observed that there B. C. K. Hawkins, l.b.w., b. Cursem 18
H. E. Strange, c. A. R. Minu, b. Madar 19
F. H. Holdman, not out 19
Extras 9
Total (for 7 wkts., dec.) 170
W. H. Edmonds, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. el Arculli	9	2	29
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is no change of important rules. The defending side has the loose head, as now, and the attacking half puts the ball in, so that the defending side has the ankle nearest the half-back, and no twisting is therefore likely.

At any rate, there were no screwed scrums, no irritating delays.

Forwards didn't push themselves to stagnation to no purpose. "No scrummage had to be held up for the ball to be put in a second time" through all the second half.

"It is Solved."

And at the close Mr. Lingard and Mr. Ricketts (the late Halifax Secretary) said: "Did you make up your mind you would not blow your whistle the second half?"

Mr. Dai Fitzgerald, who was one of the touch-judges, and who was the Batley centre, said: "There is no scrummage trouble; it is solved."

Others in authority have seen it, and speak privately along the same lines.

I do not know anything that would make our game more open and popular than that change.

Cut Out the Bonus. The players, I have a very high opinion of them. The exceptions are so few as to be negligible. Generally speaking, they play the game. Of course, are human, and try to win. Some more accurately may be described as trying to prevent others winning, and some are only playing for their places and consequent payment.

The greatest difficulty is met when players are out for bonus. It is then they so often try to beat the referee.

I would cut out the bonus and give talent money at the end of a season, when sometimes players would get more on losing days than winning days, having played better football.

Not Yet Angels. The "sportsmanship of spectators" is improving, and when they can trust referees more and support them more actively there will be still more enjoyable sport.

Spectators should learn that all their own players may be favourites, but are not yet angels. Here is an illustration:

Some time ago I had to dismiss a player on his home ground. The crowd resented it. Letters were sent to the Press, vilifying the referee.

The club committee, by a cartoon in its programme, seemed to encourage this spirit, and asked also that I may not be appointed to a certain match on that ground in the near future.

The player appealed to the authorities, and when his case was heard, admitted everything with which he was charged, except one minor detail about which he was uncertain, including the fact that I had in that very match previously cautioned him twice before—and for his third offence in that match sent him off.

Spectators didn't know that, and after the case was heard the committee of the club didn't inform the spectators of these facts, but there they were.

I mention this to show spectators that they do not know all the things a referee may know, and with a greater trust and appreciation of referees, there may yet



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CRICKET.

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S. H. Ismail, A. K. Minu, F. M. el Arculli, T. Hamet, did not bat.					
Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Reed	11	5	23	0	
Ling	4	0	10	0	
Evans	11	1	42	1	
Hamilton	8	0	36	2	
Sayer	0	0	80	1	

Division II.

KOWLOON C.C. 2ND v. R.A.O.C.

In a low scoring match on their own ground, the Kowloon C.C. 2nd defeated the Royal Army Ordnance Corps by five runs.

The winners made only 87 runs but skittled out the visitors for 82. Buxton (K.C.C.) scored 22 and was the only batsman to get into double figures on either side.

Bowlers had the upper hand all through the game, a feature of which was a performance of the "hat-trick" by Overy. This bowler captured three successive wickets in his fourth over, and finished with the splendid analysis of 6 for 11.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.					
G. A. V. Hall, c. Burger, b. Hale	7				
A. A. Dand, b. Luke	0				
G. Lee, c. Greenway, b. Hale	22				
H. T. Buxton, c. Roberts, b. Hale	2				
F. Hamblin, c. Luke, b. Hale	1				
R. E. Raven, b. Luke	1				
R. E. Lindell, run out	1				
C. T. Evans, b. Hale	0				
Smith, l.b.w., b. Luke	0				
D. S. Green, b. Luke	0				
H. Overy, not out	0				
Extras	0				

Total	87				
Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lake	7	1	21	4	
Hale	6.1	0	16	5	

R.A.O.C.					
Burger, c. Smith, b. Overy	4				
Lake, b. Lee	8				
Butterfield, b. Lee	3				
Pepper, b. Overy	8				
Hale, c. Green, b. Lee	7				
Greenway, c. Lee, b. Overy	0				
Waterfield, b. Overy	0				
Roberts, c. Smith, b. Overy	0				
Gordon, b. Lee	1				
Bryant, c. Raven, b. Overy	1				
Morgan, not out	0				
Extras	8				

Total	32				
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Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lee	6	0	13	4	
Overy	5.2	0	11	6	

POLICE R.C. v. "TAMAR"

At Happy Valley, the Police R.C. defeated H.M.S. "Tamar" by one wicket.

Beasley ("Tamar") with 36, scored almost half the total of his side. Alexander (7 for 36) was in good bowling form.

The Police replied with 82 runs, after reaching the visitors' score when the ninth wicket fell. Beasley captured three wickets for eleven runs. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Tamar."					
Phillips, b. Alexander	0				
Bradley, c. Meadows, b. Alexander	38				
Alexander	36				
Allan, b. Alexander	5				
Beasley, c. Reynolds, b. King	8				
Reese, hit wicket, b. Alexander	0				
Measom, c. Craig, b. Alexander	0				
Kirby, c. Craig, b. King	7				
Noland, b. King	0				
Womack, c. King, b. Alexander	4				
Wake, b. Alexander	8				
Silcox, not out	0				
Extras	0				

Total	74				
Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
B. G. Baker	5	0	24	0	
Alexander	7	1	36	7	
King	3	0	15	8	

Police R.C.					
C. F. Alexander, c. Phillips, b. Kirby	2				
Dr. J. R. Craig, b. Beasley	4				
W. E. Meadows, b. Beasley	10				
T. H. King, c. Kirby, b. Beasley	0				
B. G. Baker, l.b.w., b. Beasley	0				
A. Reynolds, c. Womack, b. Kirby	0				
S. Randall, b. Bradley	12				
B. Thorpe, b. Bradley	27				
W. Williamson, c. Bradley, b. Beasley	4				
W. Dyer, not out	13				
A. V. Baker, c. Measom, b. Bradley	10				
Extras	0				

Total	82				
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Bowling Analysis.

Kirby	6	0	21	2	
Beasley	13	2	38	5	
Wake	1	0	2	0	
Bradley	6.3	1	11	3	

ELECTRIC R.C. v. R.E.

At King's Park, the Electric R.C. lost to the Royal Engineers by 83 runs.

Sgt. Durand contributed 50 towards the total of 147 made by the Engineers, whilst Capt. Carnegie and Sgt. Penny helped with 27 and 22 not out respectively.

The Electric R.C. found the bowling of Goodger and Hanson difficult to score off, these bowlers sharing the wickets between them. Scores:—

Royal Engineers.					
L/Cpl. Goodger, b. Murdoch	3				
Sgt. Waters, b. Murdoch	12				
L/Cpl. Butler, c. Dunbar, b. Muskett	0				
Maj. Greig, b. Murdoch	5				
Capt. Carnegie, c. de Rome, b. Muskett	27				
C.S.M. Kennedy, c. & b. Murdoch	50				
Sgt. Durand, c. Way, b. Gahagan	8				
Lt. Macdonald, c. Sanderson, b. Murdoch	22				
Sgt. Penny, not out	22				
Sgt. Hanson, c. Gahagan, b. Sgt. Hanson	1				
Sgt. Trumper, c. Gahagan, b. Way	2				
Extras	17				

Total	147				
Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Muskett	9	0	48	2	
Murdoch	9	0	57	5	
Way	3.2	0	9	2	
Gahagan	3	0	16	1	

Electric R.C.					
C. E. Gahagan, b. Hanson	3				
L. de Rome, b. Goodger	5				
S. J. C. Stanesby, c. Carnegie, b. Goodger	5				
W. N. H. Murdoch, c. Durand, b. Goodger	10				
J. R. Way, b. Hanson	2				
F. Northington, c. Hanson, b. G. G. Thomson, c. Durand, b. Goodger	22				
W. B. Muskett, c. Waters, b. Goodger	7				
T. P. Sanderson, b. Hanson	1				
J. C. Dunbar, b. Hanson	0				
H. S. Jones, not out	0				
Extras	7				

Total	64				
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Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Goodger	9	4	21	5	
Hanson	3.1	0	36	5	

Hong Match.

"WAYFOONG" v. "TAIKOO"

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank ("Wayfoong") and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire ("Taikoo") played an interesting match on the Chinese R.C. ground, the latter winning by six wickets.

The Bank put up 167 runs for four wickets, of which Clark claimed 67, Parker 42 and Hall 34 not out.

"Taikoo" started confidently, the first-wicket partnership between Gillingham (17) and Moor (48) realising 59 runs. Crawford (35 not out) and Hinton (24 not out) then carried their side to victory, the innings closing with 169 for four wickets. Scores:—

"Wayfoong" (Bank).					
R. A. Green, run out	10				
M. D. Scott, b. Hinton	7				
H. V. Parker, b. Griffin	42				
G. Clark, c. Chaloner, b. Wallace	67				
J. Hall, not out	34				
M. G. Mills, not out	3				
Extras	4				

Total (for 4 wks., dec.)	167				
G. D. Mead, F. H. Pentecost, E. P. Streetfield, T. E. Hammond, R. W. Lee did not bat.					

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Hinton	7	0	41	1	
Griffin	13	1	65	1	
Crawford	3	0	42	0	
Chaloner	1	0	9	0	
Wallace	3	0	6	1	

"Taikoo" (B. & S.)					
A. H. Gillingham, c. Hall, b. Hammond	17				
O. Moor, c. Lee, b. Parker	48				
H. Parsons, c. Pentecost, b. Hall	6				
H. Spicer, b. Lee	9				
J. D. H. Crawford, not out	35				
J. R. Hinton, not out	24				
Extras	30				

Total (for 4 wks., dec.)	169				
J. S. Robinson, R. W. Wallace, H. Griffin, R. M. Chaloner, B. S. R. W. Lee did not bat.					

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Lee	12	1	45	1	
Parker	12	8	52	1	
Hammond	4	1	9	1	
Hall	8	1	29	1	

Friendly Matches.

C.C.C. v. CHINESE R.C.

At Happy Valley, the Craigen-gower C.C. drew with the Chinese R.C.

Consistent scoring on the part of the home team brought about the total of 171 for six wickets, H. C. Hung taking 5 for 27.

The Chinese replied with 150 for seven wickets, Taul Yu-pun getting 51 not out. Scores:—

Craigen-gower C.C.					
D. Fritz, c. Chao, b. H. C. Hung	17				
A. Mitchell, l.b.w., b. H. C. Hung	26				
H. P. Lim, c. H. Hung, b. H. C. Hung	24				
E. Zimmerman, c. H. Hung, b. H. C. Hung	29				
A. B. Hamson, c. W. C. Hung, b. H. C. Hung	21				
S. Abbas, not out	23				
N. Mackay, not out	1				
Y. Abbas, c. H. Hung, b. H. C. Hung	5				
Extras	25				

Total (for 6 wks., dec.)	171				
U. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, F. Oliver did not bat.					

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Ng Sze-kwong	5	0	33	1	
W. C. Hung	7	0	30	0	
Ching	8	1	44	0	
H. C. Hung	11	3	27	5	
Yeh	4	1	12	0	

Chinese R.C.					
W. C. Hung, c. Omar, b. Oliver	33				
W. H. Kwan, run out	11				
Ng Sze-kwong, b. Oliver	0				
Taul Yu-pun, not out	51				
C. Chao, b. S. Abbas	8				
T. E. Yeh, c. S. Abbas, b. Fritz	14				
H. Hung, c. Mitchell, b. Oliver	5				
H. Ching, c. Omar, b. S. Abbas	6				
H. C. Hung, not out	1				
Extras	21				

Total (for 7 wks., dec.)	150				
Chau Kwan-lun, Cheung Wing-kue did not bat.					

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Hamson	6	1	24	0	
Fritz	7	0	35	1	
Oliver	7	1	30	3	
Y. Abbas	3	0	6	0	
S. Abbas	5	1	18	2	
Zimmerman	3	0	16	0	

H.K.C.C. 2ND v. NAVY 2ND.

On the Club ground, the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd easily defeated the Royal Navy 2nd.

Armstrong carried his bat for a well played 77. Skidmore, going on after four bowlers had been tried, returned the analysis of 5 for 16.

The Navy 2nd put up 61 runs, Hampton capturing three wickets for eleven. Scores:—

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.					
H. J. Armstrong, not out	77				
W. Ker Tait, b. Hill	31				
J. Barrow, c. Debenham, b. Cook	22				
H. Hampton, b. Wood	4				
R. West, c. Moore, b. Skidmore	20				
J. E. Hancock, l.b.w., b. Skidmore	14				
J. R. Collis, b. Skidmore	0				
S. J. Jordan, b. Skidmore	2				
A. H. Penn, c. b. Skidmore	0				
Extras	7				

Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	177				
K. A. Mason, J. N. Owen did not bat.					



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TENNIS.

MACAO STUDENTS AT KING'S PARK.

RECREIO AS HOSTS.

At King's Park on Saturday afternoon the Club de Recreio were "At Home" to the students of the Macao High School, over a hundred of whom have been on a visit to Hong Kong during the past two days.

A doubles tennis team match was arranged in which three pairs from Macao opposed three Club de Recreio pairs. Originally the pairs were to have played against each other alternately, each match being limited to a set of 11 games.

Falling light, however, prevented the whole programme being put through, and the match was called off at the end of the sixth set, four of which went to the Recreio and two to Macao. Recreio's score just doubled that of Macao, the totals being 44-22.

There was a large gathering of members of the Portuguese community present to watch the match, including all the girl students of the Macao High School who made the trip to Hong Kong with the party, and their lady teachers. All the boy students of the Macao High School and the masters also turned out.

The best pair for Macao were L. Jorge and B. Vidigal, who played quite good tennis, and won both sets in which they took part. For Recreio the best pair were G. Noronha and A. Remedios, but they were forced to admit defeat at the hands of Macao's "stone-wallers."

The scores were:—

L. Jorge and B. Vidigal (Macao) beat G. Noronha and A. Remedios (Recreio), 7-4.

L. Ribeiro and A. Xavier (Macao) lost to G. Noronha and A. Remedios (Recreio), 1-10.

A. and F. Silva (Macao) lost to A. V. Remedios and L. A. Ribeiro (Recreio), 2-9.

L. Jorge and B. Vidigal (Macao) beat C. Barretto and J. Xavier (Recreio), 6-5.

L. Ribeiro and A. Xavier (Macao) lost to A. V. Remedios and L. A. Ribeiro (Recreio), 3-8.

A. and F. Silva (Macao) lost to C. Barretto and J. Xavier (Recreio), 3-8.

L. R. C. AMERICAN TOURNEY.

Doubles Final.

The final of the Ladies' Recreation Club's Mixed Doubles American Tennis Tournament, was played on the Club's hard court on Saturday afternoon.

Altogether ten pairs competed in the tournament, and they were divided into two sections, with five

FOURTH TEST.

M.C.C. PUT IN TO BAT FIRST.

Johannesburg, Saturday. The fourth Test Match between South Africa and the M.C.C. opened here to-day. The sky was overcast and the weather cool.

Four thousand people were present when the home team won the toss and put England in to bat, the visitors scoring 67 for the loss of one wicket by lunch time.

At the tea interval England had scored 158 for four, Tyldesley making 42 and Sutcliffe 37.

At the close of play, England's score was 233 runs for 7 wickets. R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwickshire) made 58.—Reuter.

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pairs in each section. The winners of the two sections were required to meet in the final.

The competitors in each section were:—

"A" Section.

Major and Mrs. Lucas.
Mrs. James and B. G. Grigor.
Miss Peyton and N. Evans.
Mrs. Russell Brown and I. Highet.
Lady Stuart Taylor and W. A. Nowers.

"B" Section.

Mrs. Lynch and G. Sewell.
Mrs. Grigor and P. E. Barker.
Mrs. Davenport Brown and O. C. Womack.
Mrs. Craig and C. Grove.
Mrs. Shellshear and C. P. F. James.

Saturday's finalists were Major and Mrs. Lucas (winners of "A") versus Mrs. Lynch and G. Sewell (winners of "B").

The match went to the former pair by 8-6 after a great struggle in which some good tennis was exhibited on both sides. There were some very exciting exchanges in the first twelve games played, the match being a ding-dong struggle with each pair taking the upper hand for a while only to be overhauled by their opponents.

After six-all was called, Major and Mrs. Lucas asserted themselves, but met with dogged opposition which forced them to go all out to secure the next two games and the set. A feature of the last two games was the forceful smashing by Major Lucas, some of which completely beat the opposing pair and gathered in the much needed points to make the game sure.

GERMAN MYSTERY.

MILITARY WIRELESS MEN ARRESTED.

ESPIONAGE CHARGE?

Berlin, Saturday.

Mystery surrounds the arrest of five soldiers of the Reichswehr battalion stationed at Glessen for allegedly sending out wireless messages to foreign countries.

It was originally announced that no charge of espionage was sustainable against them and they had been released.

Later, however, it was stated they were not released. On the contrary numerous other soldiers belonging to wireless stations throughout Germany were arrested by the military authorities. The greatest reticence is being maintained regarding the affair.—Reuter.

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MOSCOW REVOLT.

Unconfirmed Report Of Outbreak.

PRO-TROTSKY UNITS.

Said To Be Bombarding the Kremlin With Artillery.

Riga, Yesterday. A revolt at Moscow is the subject of numerous official and unconfirmed reports stating that four pro-Trotsky Soviet regiments are bombarding the Kremlin with artillery.—Reuter.

TRADE OPTIMISM.

PRINCE ON BRITAIN'S FUTURE.

A SECOND "JOSEPH."

London, Yesterday. A stirring note of hopefulness as to a better industrial future was struck by the Prince of Wales in a brilliant speech delivered at the dinner of the Birmingham Jewellers' and Silversmiths' Association.

"We sat long in the sombre darkness of post-war depression and had been deluded more than once by what had proved to be only a false dawn. We had learnt to mistrust the prophets—'and heaven forbid that I should try to prophesy,'—but we never lost hope. We have held on, grinned and borne it out, and may be we are now going to get our reward. The trade returns for 1927 show that in spite of the handicap with which we started at the end of 1926 we really wiped out the deficit and re-started on the upgrade."

The spirit of co-operation, strikingly displayed at recent meetings of representative employers and the General Council of the T.U.C., gave the strongest reason for hope that a new era of prosperity was opening up.

An interesting feature of the dinner was the maiden speech of "the second Joseph Chamberlain," namely, the 20-year-old son of Sir Austen.—Reuter.

YUGO-SLAVIA.

ACCUSED OF LACK OF FAITH.

ITALIAN DENUNCIATION.

Rome, Yesterday. "During the past four years Yugo-Slavia has displayed no faith and no goodwill. On the contrary it has taken every opportunity of organising against Italian and against Fascist demonstrations even in the speeches of its politicians."

This strong indictment is published in the official bulletin of the Fascist Party in a statement with regard to the postponement of six months' renunciation of the Yugo-Slav Treaty of Friendship. It says that all the preparations of the Yugo-Slav Army are directed against Italy. Yugo-Slavia has six months in which to give a new turn to her policy towards Italy, who can wait without fear future events.—Reuter.

WAR CLAIMS.

A GERMAN NORWEGIAN SETTLEMENT.

\$330,000 DIFFERENCE.

Oslo, Saturday. The department of foreign affairs states that the Norwegian Government's claims against Germany for reparation owing to the operation of certain German measures during war time has been settled by a friendly agreement.

Germany has undertaken to pay \$330,000, which Norway will use for the benefit of the families of sailors who perished during the war.

Apparently the "war measures" referred to were the submarine mining.—Reuter.

FIRE ON SAMPAN.

As the result of some matting catching fire on board her craft, a sampan woman named Ko. Mun (64) was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from Shaui-wan suffering from injuries to her face. The fire was extinguished, and the sampan was only slightly damaged.

GERMAN SENSATION.

Indiscreet Wireless Operators.

FIVE ARRESTS.

Army Messages Sent in a Careless Manner.

Berlin, Yesterday. An investigation into the Reichswehr wireless affair resulted in the release of the arrested men except five who were originally arrested at Giessen. It has been shown that the wireless operators were indiscreet and careless in sending out military messages intended only for the army in such a manner that foreign stations could decipher and code them.

One result of the affair will probably be the more frequent changing of the military telegraphic code.—Reuter.

\$26,000 CLAIM.

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His Lordship commented that he saw no reason for disbelieving Mr. Raven on this point.

His Lordship then referred to the items relating to the erection of fifty-six doors prepared on the plan and to two of the items charged as extras in respect of fifteen pumping wells and fifteen pumping rooms for flush system at a cost of \$7,500 and \$3,000 respectively. The defendant had denied that an estimate was ever sanctioned by or even presented to him and maintained that the digging of the wells and erection of the pump houses was clearly understood to be in the contract price.

The result, continued His Lordship, was that the only part of the case which plaintiff had made out to His Lordship's satisfaction was that which was admitted by the defendant and that, subject to the counterclaim, plaintiff was entitled to \$7,000, the balance remaining due under contract No. 1 and to \$3,000 in respect of the claim for Shanghai plastering.

The Counterclaim. His Lordship then dealt with the items of the counterclaim, suggesting that the parties submit the question of liability and amount in respect of the claim for defective or unsatisfactory work to an expert. With reference to the omission to put cokebreeze cement on the roof, His Lordship referred to Mr. Raven's evidence that his experience had taught him that upper flats in Kowloon were very hot and he provided most deliberately in his plans for the layer of cokebreeze in order to avert this. The defendant denied that he had ever agreed to the omission of this layer of cement and the plaintiff had not satisfied His Lordship that this omission was in fact agreed to. He found for defendant on this point and suggested that the question of cost should be settled between the parties by reference to an expert.

With reference to the item in the counterclaim concerning doors shown in Mr. Raven's plans and not put in, His Lordship held that defendant was entitled to recover in respect of this item.

His Lordship indicated that he would not give the form of judgment until the amount of the claims for defective work or omission of cokebreeze and doors was arrived at.

Counsel indicated that they thought such agreement could be arrived at and that an application for judgment might be made subsequently in Chambers.

LOCAL BOXING.

Attention is directed to the "bumper" programme arranged by the Hong Kong Boxing Association for its coming tournament on Saturday next at the Lee Theatre. Full details are given in an advertisement in this issue.

General Wu Te-chen, who was for a few years a successful Commissioner of Police at Canton until imprisoned in 1926 by Chiang Kai-shek, returned from Shanghai on Saturday by the "President Wilson" and has gone up to Canton.

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U. S. COTTON.

PROSPECTS OF THIS YEAR'S CROP.

Washington, Yesterday. Reviewing the cotton outlook for 1928 the Department of Agriculture declares that the growers will probably meet with the relatively favourable condition of a smaller carry-over than last year and a demand situation about the same as for the last crop.

The most uncertain factor is the size of the crop. It warns against an increase of acreage, recalling the low prices as a result of over-planting in 1926.

As regards culture, it says that much will depend on the abundance of rains, which have hitherto been more numerous and more vital than for several years past. It is not yet known how far they have succumbed to the low temperatures experienced in the cotton belt.—Reuter's American Service.

MASONIC SERVICE.

CATHEDRAL OBSERVANCE YESTERDAY.

A SPECIAL ADDRESS.

The third annual Masonic Service at St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening was well attended by the local Lodges, between 150 and 200 Brethren attending in regalia.

An appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. C. B. Shan (District Grand Chaplain), other clergy taking part in the service being: The Right Rev. C. R. Duppy (Bishop of Victoria), who is also District Grand Chaplain, the Rev. G. E. S. Updell (Past District Grand Chaplain), and there was also present Worshipful Brother the Rev. J. Horace Johnstone (Past District Grand Chaplain). The Rev. W. R. Cannell and the Rev. N. V. Hallward, the latter being Bishop's Chaplain, were also present.

The District Grand Master, English Constitution, the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes, and the Deputy District Grand Master, Scottish Constitution, Mr. E. Edwards, headed the procession in which were most of the District Grand Lodge officers of each order together with members.

The Rev. C. B. Shan in the course of his address, dealt with the conception of life in regard to religious and philosophic thought as "The Way" along which man ought to travel. In China there was the philosophy of Taoism, or the Doctrine of the Way and in Judaism there was constant reference to pilgrims and sojourners, culminating in the words of Christ, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." To them as Masons the thought of life as a journey was not unfamiliar, together with the duties and responsibilities towards their fellowmen which are involved therein. Nor should they forget the need for the preparation of themselves as stones for the living Temple, that the rough and unheaven stone as taken from the quarry might be formed to a stone of perfect square, which could not otherwise be tried and approved than by the test of God's Word and their own self-convincing conscience.



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